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## Reformed skinhead reflects on value of diversity

Former convict Frank Meeink travels country inspiring youth

**Emma McAleavy**  
Staff Writer

Frank Meeink is an unexpected ambassador

of hope, faith and tolerance. An ex "skinhead" or neo-Nazi, Meeink spoke last Wednesday night to a packed Wyckoff auditorium.

"I thought it would be a unique look at how to be diverse, how to be accepting and tolerant," said Katie Dineen, who organized the talk with Student Activities.

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"I look at people and see the similarities, not the differences.

**Frank Meeink**  
Reformed Neo-Nazi

## Facebook relationships respond to LGBT needs

Relationship status options grow to 11 separate choices

**Kassi Rodgers**  
News Editor

Broadcasting your relationship status on Facebook seems to be a big deal, ask anyone who has ever become "Facebook official." Last week Facebook added the options of "in a civil union with" or "in a domestic partnership with" to the list of ways you can be in a relationship with another person.

The civil union and in a domestic partnership option joins a list that already includes single, divorced, married, engaged, in a relationship, it's complicated, in an open relationship, widowed and separated.

A representative from Facebook told Mashable.com that the alternative options were "a highly

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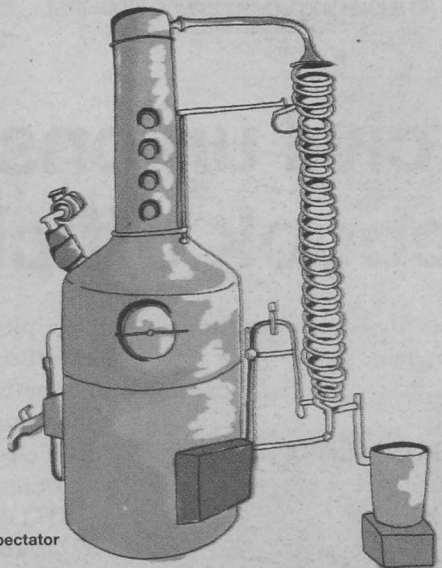
## Women's rally draws wide support against GOP family planning legislation



Though many of the nearly 300 protestors Saturday were women, many men also showed their support against a legislative amendment that would take funds away from the organization Planned Parenthood.

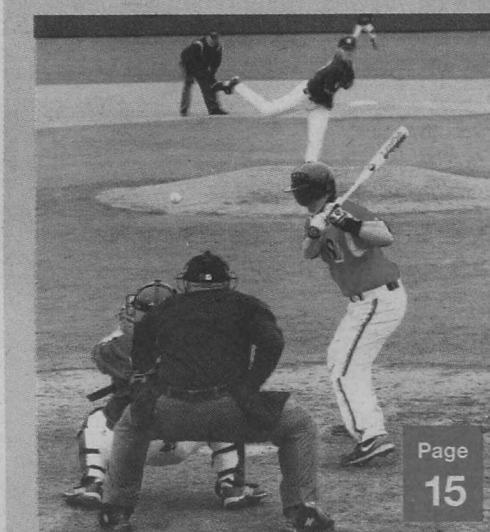
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## Another reason to wish you were 21 already



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## Men's baseball wins two out of three against Notre Dame

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Mar. 4, 2011

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**Saturday**  
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Mar. 6, 2011

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# news

## Admin building renovation is a priority for students

Professional architect hired to design future learning spaces for the next decade

**Dallas Goschie**  
Staff Writer

As the population of Seattle University continues to grow and new technologies are developed, it becomes necessary for the university to adapt. Learning infrastructure must be constantly updated.

ASSU, concerned that the opinions of students were not being adequately reflected in the process of constructing learning spaces on campus, formed the Integrated Learning Environments Committee to preemptively plan

future spaces in accordance with student desires.

Several Seattle U students have expressed concerns in the design of some of the learning spaces on campus.

"[Some of the spaces] are, in general, inaccessible for those with a disability. Size and shape are also important, in a long classroom, there are too many people in the back," said junior Casey Jones.

The committee is a new development, according to Mark Maddox, ASSU's vice president of University Affairs.

Maddox notes that the committee is in "square zero" beginning their mission by holding conversations among committee members with noted architect Terry Hodjuk.

Many expressed concern about campus learning spaces.

Maddox explains that the committee is not designed to become involved in specific building projects, but to maintain a general

perspective and develop potential design plans for future spaces that could later be adapted on a project-specific basis.

"We are going to see what is possible, be innovative, see that we can go above and beyond, and dream big," said Maddox.

Colleges around the world strive to improve upon their pre-existing learning environments and create new spaces that will be most conducive to the learning process. Involving students in the process, according to Educause, a nationally recognized nonprofit organization designed to ensure the sharing of information and universal improvement of higher learning

institutions, is quickly becoming a trend, and should always be an institution's first action when endeavoring on a new project.

"We are currently just doing a lot of different research, looking at a lot of different studies, and studying how students interact with each other and with the campus," Maddox said.

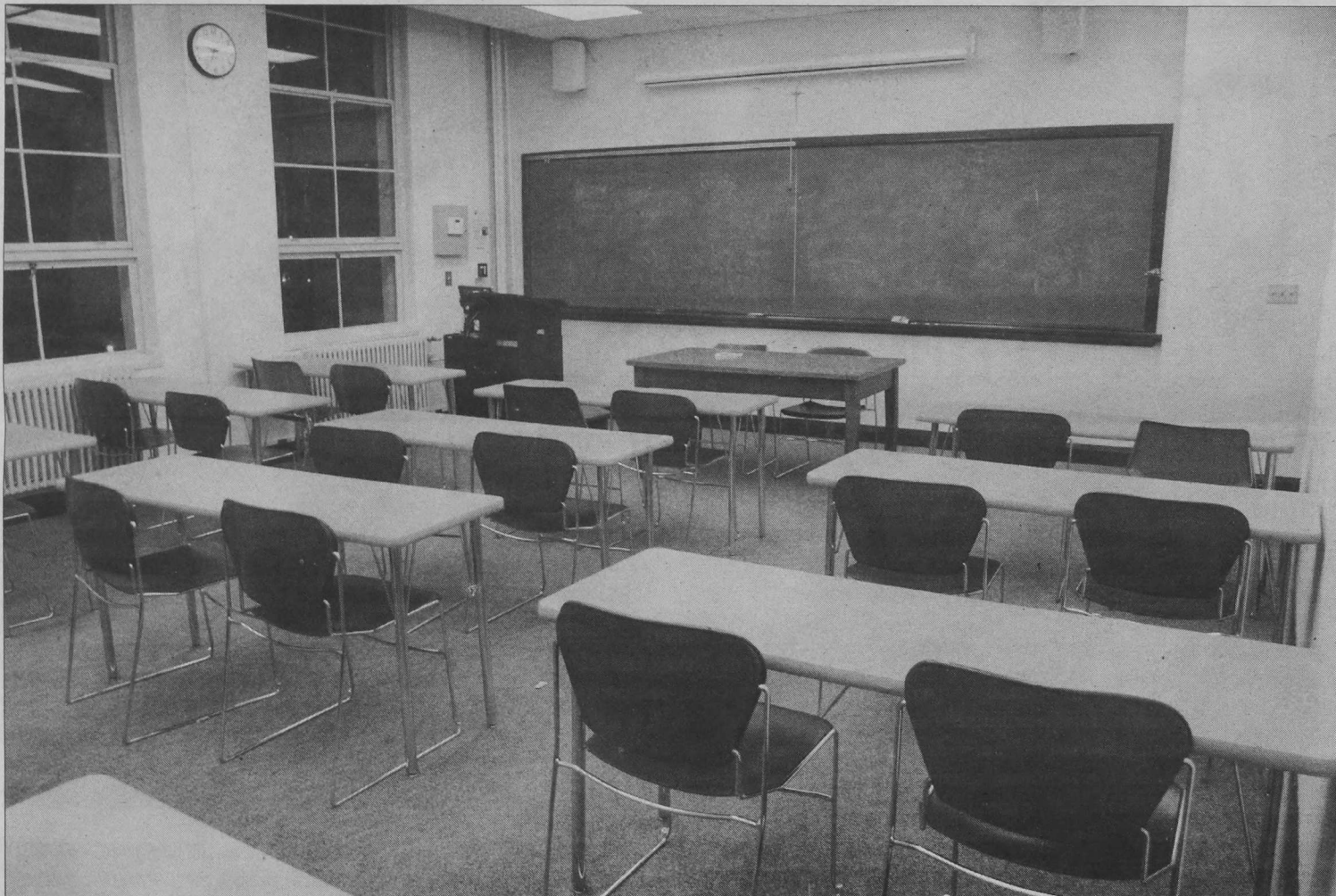
Maddox was unable to comment on what the school's next construction projects on campus would be, citing the fact that much of this information is confidential due to factors including endowment and the involvement of the Board of Trustees. However, he emphasizes, the committee will be involved no matter what the specific nature of the project is, and will have designs prepared for any possible scenario.

Several students, Jones included, have noted that the university's primary goal should be to renovate the aging Administration building, which was built in 1941 and houses several classrooms and staff offices.

Maddox explains that the committee is taking a unique "reverse" approach to the task of designing these spaces.

"We want to reverse the thinking and design a space first, then find technology to augment the spaces, not design the space around technology," Maddox said.

Currently, the Integrated Learning Environments Committee is still in its inception, holding basic conversations. However, Maddox explains that as the committee continues to move forward and create actual designs, it hopes to open up these plans for comments and critique from Seattle U faculty and students, and continue to adapt their plans until they become accurately reflective of what their primary utilizers value.



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Compared to classroom facilities in other buildings, Admin's classrooms are relatively old and outdated as a learning environment. Note that the only classrooms with chalkboard on campus are in the Admin building.

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## New status options declare civil unions, domestic partnerships 'Facebook official'

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LGBT couples embrace opportunity to show off new relationship statuses

requested feature from users." The representative also said, "We [Facebook] want to provide options for people to genuinely and authentically reflect their relationship statuses on Facebook."

This isn't Facebook's first step in support of the LGBTQ community. Following the news of anti-gay cyber bullying last fall, GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and Facebook partnered up to end bullying on the site. Soon after, Facebook organized the Network of Support to "help address issues faced by the LGBT community in the online world."

LGBT couples quickly embraced

the opportunity to show off their new statuses.

"I appreciate [that option], so I decided I was going to do it," said Shannon Murdoch, a learning resource specialist at Overlake School in Redmond.

Shannon Murdoch and her partner Heather Carter both changed their relationship to "in a civil union," but both maintain that it was a personal decision.

"I was never somebody who wanted to get married, and I think putting that I'm in a civil union accurately describes my relationship," Murdoch said.

Carter, the manager of the OUTloud project, agrees that it legitimizes hers and others relationships. The OUTloud

project is a Seattle based youth suicide prevention program.

It provides us with an alternate option besides 'married' or 'single.'

**Heather Carter**  
Facebook User

"It provides us with an option besides married or single, which always turns my stomach when I have to choose between those two," Carter said.

Despite the added benefit of more clearly being able to define their relationships on Facebook, some members of the community have labeled the options a "double-edged sword," simply a reminder to the marriage equality rights that LGBTQ couples don't share nationally.

"I'm confused by that because if they want to put marriage they can just put marriage," Murdoch said.

Currently these Facebook status options are only available to users in the United States, Canada, the U.K., France and Australia. Facebook boasts about 500 million users worldwide, and hopes to expand the options to other countries in the future.

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# Meeink travels country spreading message of peace

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Meeink's story certainly is unique. Meeink was raised in South Philadelphia by his mother and her alcoholic boyfriend.

His father physically abused him throughout his childhood before kicking him out just before high school. The story of Meeink's youth is one of abuse and neglect. When he was 14 Meeink was introduced to neo-Nazism by his cousin and soon became a notorious and wanted leader in the neo-Nazi movement.

Meeink's misadventures make for colorful, poignant and surprisingly funny-at-times, narrative. After wearing out his welcome on the East Coast, Meeink made his way to Illinois where, after a failed suicide attempt, he was institutionalized.

Ultimately, Meeink was sentenced to three years in prison on kidnapping charges.

Meeink befriended a black inmate while in prison which caused him to question neo-Nazism. In the end, his relationship with a Jewish employer convinced him to abandon neo-Nazism for good. These days, Meeink travels around on book tours and speaking engagements,

telling his story to enthralled crowds. Meeink, a consummate hockey fan, explained his message in, what else, but hockey terms.

That guy said he was a Pittsburgh Penguins fan, I'm never gonna like him.

**Frank Meeink**  
Former Neo-Nazi

"I'm gonna look at you and see what the similarities are, not the differences, because I'm never gonna love the differences. That guys said he was a Pittsburgh Penguins fan, I'm never gonna like him, we're just done, our relationship is done. But what we have that's the same is that we both like hockey," Meeink said.

Meeink runs an organization called Harmony Through Hockey, which teaches hockey to disadvantaged youth.

Meeink offers a unusual

glimpse into a phenomenon that most Seattle U students have never come into contact with.

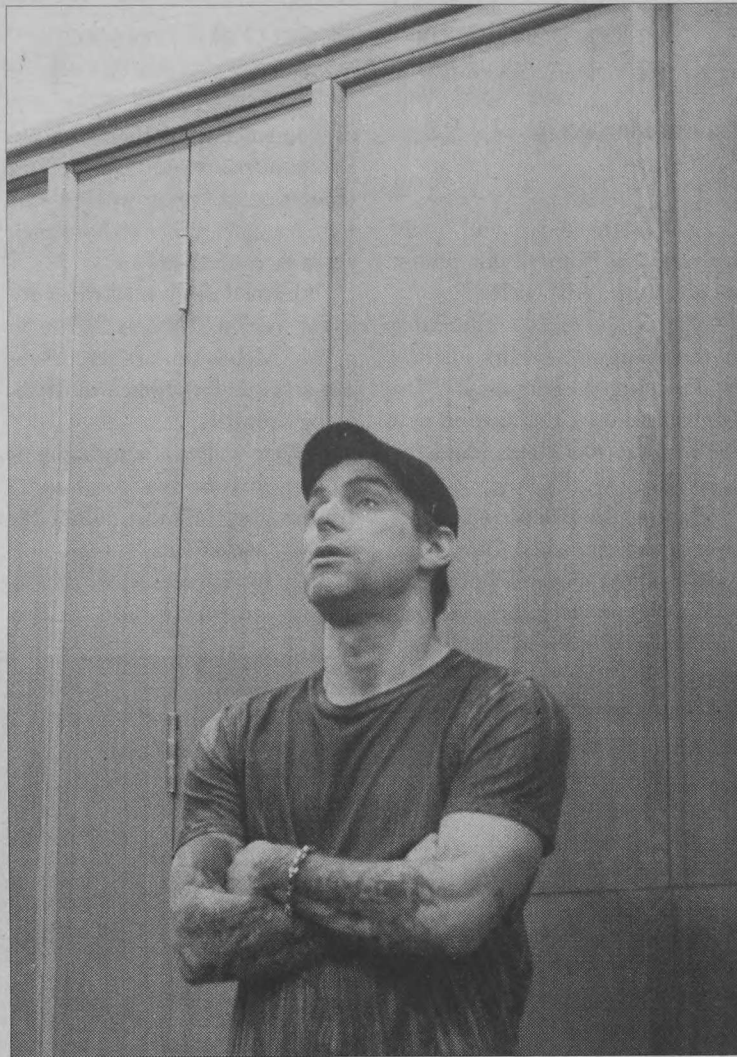
"It's a perspective that Seattle U students probably aren't used to hearing," said sophomore Katie Sweeney.

But the most memorable moments of his talk were the moments that changed his life, either for better or for worse. As a 14-year-old, it was the attention, interest and probing questions of the older skinheads that first brought Meeink into the movement.

Later on in prison, it was the thoughtful questions of a black inmate that brought Meeink out of the movement. This prison inmate had been curious about Meeink's life and his newborn daughter where some of the neo-Nazis were disinterested or callous. Though Meeink says he doesn't know how to get people out of the neo-Nazi movement, that there's no formula, his story would suggest that asking questions, paying attention and caring have something to do with it.

Meeink is currently considering a reality TV show offer.

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Frank Meeink, author of "Autobiography of a Recovering Skinhead," shared his story and insight last Wednesday in the Wyckoff Auditorium.

## Planned Parenthood rally: Men and women gather to oppose Pence Amendment at Westlake



Lindsey Wasson | The Spectator

One of the protest leaders speaks with conviction to a crowd of Planned Parenthood supporters in Westlake Center.



# Meleis delivers 'shock' in girl-child lecture

Nursing dean Emami credits the U of P professor as a friend and mentor.

**Emma McAleavy**  
Staff Writer

"I want to shock you," said University of Pennsylvania professor and nurse, Afaf Meleis.

Meleis spoke last Thursday at the inaugural Dean's Lecture in Nursing Leadership, "On Globalization, Urbanization and the Risks to the Woman and the Girl-Child."

Among the discussion topics were health care access for women, rape, poverty, unwanted pregnancies, child prostitutions and sex trafficking. All of which have been impacted significantly by globalization and urbanization.

Meleis' grandmother gave birth to her child in an open field.

Globalization, she said, has increased sex trafficking and the mail-order bride trade, while urbanization has made cities increasingly unsafe for women and health care inaccessible. She also noted that 70 percent of people living on less than a dollar a day are women.

Meleis, the soft-spoken mentor of the Seattle University School of Nursing Dean Azita Emami, was born in Alexandria, Egypt. She has traveled to Africa, South America, Europe and the Middle East, working as a nurse, lecturing, teaching and mentoring.

She is inspired by her illiterate grandmother, she says, who gave birth to one of her children in a grassy field, cutting the umbilical cord herself. It was from her grandmother and her mother that she first learned about the strength

of women. Her mother, who was also a nurse, would protect the reputation of young women who were brought to her to have their virginity confirmed.

"I learned about power in a different way," said Meleis.

But Meleis doesn't see this as just an issue for women in developing countries.

"What I always emphasize is looking in your own community and finding the most vulnerable people," Meleis said.

While women in developing countries do suffer

disproportionately from poverty, there are women in our midst in need of care as well.

There's a lot that can be done to help these women.

**Afaf Meleis**  
University of Pennsylvania

"You have the immigrants, you have the poor women sitting at the periphery of the city... There's a lot that can be done to help

these women and women abroad," Meleis added.

She thinks Seattle U can be involved in the effort.

"The university can take it upon itself to be a voice of women, and be the voice of women internationally," Meleis said.

Emami hopes Seattle U's nursing community will be inspired by the example set by Meleis.

"Our community really needs to see those nurse leaders and hear them and hear about their work because they are so inspiring," said Emami.

As it is, students can involve themselves in advocacy for women and be facilitators of change here

in Seattle. Either way it's not just about obviously disempowered, oppressed or disadvantaged women.

"Creating safe places for women is for all women, not only for the vulnerable women," Meleis said.

Even women of comparative privilege can benefit from the effort to make the world a safer place for women in general.

"It's raising the consciousness of all women not to accept oppression, not to condone and not to be silent," Meleis said.

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On Thursday, Feb. 24, the College of Nursing hosted a lecture with internationally recognized nursing scholar and educator Afaf Meleis. She discussed the impact and disproportionately negative effects of globalization and urbanization on women and girls.

## Abroad options provide startling opportunities to learn

**Fernando Sioson**  
News Editor

The chance to study abroad is a unique educational opportunity, but does the university have eyes on 100 percent of its students.

The Education Abroad office keeps track of school-sponsored students studying in foreign countries, but it does not track students who are overseas by virtue of third party programs such as USAC or independent service trips.

In a potential emergency, the lack of knowledge of the exact whereabouts of any given student could prove problematic, as Seattle University students in foreign programs frequently move about, they can be difficult to track down.

Junior Matt Brand is studying abroad this quarter via USAC, a company that provides abroad opportunities to places the university might not provide.

"I'm in love with the French language, it's always been a passion of mine," said Brand, who minors in the foreign language. "Living in Europe is a totally different experience than living in the States; If I want to drive to Spain, I can."

Though Brand's abroad program has him

studying in Avignon officially, long weekends and vacations typically see him on short roadtrips to other destinations, sometimes out of the country to cities such as Sevilla, Spain.

If not for pleasure, Brand says that traveling off-campus can be part of the abroad learning process.

"It's part of the European experience, especially as a young adventurous student," Brand said.

USAC University Relations Representative Sabrina Harris says marketing the international experience is not just a company issue, it's a learning issue.

According to Harris, students like to have a broad variety of options when considering study abroad.

"We [USAC] want to provide choices for university students whose schools might not offer a particular country for one reason or another," Harris said. "Above that, I traveled abroad a lot as a college student, and I can tell you it was one of the most valuable learning experiences of my life. Everyone should get a chance to [study abroad], USAC or not."

USAC representatives keep track of all their signees, but do not have eyes on school-sponsored abroad students who are active in the same cities where USAC

is active.

Likewise, the Seattle U Education Abroad office tracks more than 500 students in 45 countries globally, but has no eyes on students sponsored by independent companies like the USAC, though they share territory with several of these companies who market themselves on campus.

Education Abroad Director Robin

Participant diversity is a key emphasis; a requirement and feature of all study abroad programs.

Craggs says international education should be available to all students, emphasizing that diversity is both a key requirement and key feature of all study abroad programs.

According to the Education Abroad website, "the Seattle University Education Abroad Office is committed to promoting diversity within international education. We are particularly focused on improving participation from students

from groups typically underrepresented in education abroad."

Craggs says this mantra is only reinforced by the cooperation of independent international study companies like USAC on campus, to maximize the options for students like junior Kate Hellenthal, currently studying in Quito, Ecuador.

"It was winter when I left, and it'll be winter [in Ecuador] when I leave here a few months from now," said Hellenthal on living below the equator.

Hellenthal is studying in South America as part of her Spanish major. "It's great here, though. I'm working with kids on a daily basis and my Spanish is actually coherent now."

However, if a student doesn't go through the school directly, they must pay out-of-pocket for the experience; merit scholarships do not apply to USAC ventures, for example.

These real world costs prevent many students from buying a ticket into these international study experiences. For those who can afford it, however, studying abroad could teach valuable lessons not found anywhere else.

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# GOP threatens to pull Planned Parenthood funding

Cutting of funding would cut access to contraception, cancer screenings and other healthcare

**Frances Dinger**  
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 300 women and men gathered at Broadway Avenue and Pine Street Saturday to march in support of Planned Parenthood and basic healthcare for women in response to the Pence Amendment, a budget provision that would bar Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds.

If you're going to reduce infant mortality, you have to take care of the mother.

**Katherine Camacho-Carr**  
Midwife

The amendment passed in the House of Representatives. If it passes in the Senate, Planned Parenthood would lose approximately 34 percent of its revenue, as estimated from the organization's 2008 financial report (more recent reports are not yet available). The GOP proposed the cut in order to eliminate funding from the largest provider of abortions in America, but no government funding goes toward paying for abortion (except in cases of rape or incest) and abortions represent only 3

percent of Planned Parenthood's annual health services, according to a 2008 report published by Planned Parenthood.

Thirty-six percent of the organization's services went toward contraception, 31 percent went toward treatment and diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections and 17 percent went toward cancer screenings in 2008.

Katherine Camacho-Carr, a midwife with 36 years of experience and an instructor in Seattle University's midwife program is concerned reducing funding to Planned Parenthood would reduce access to healthcare for low income and uninsured women.

"If you're going to reduce infant mortality, you have to take care of the mother," Camacho-Carr said.

The infant mortality rate estimated for 2011 is 6.06 deaths per 1000 births, ranking at the 177th worst infant mortality rates out of 223 countries, according to the CIA. Alongside family planning and cancer screenings, many Planned Parenthood locations also provide prenatal care. CNN also reported GOP plans to cut \$747 million from nutrition plans for women and children.

"We don't have a focus on prevention and screening in our healthcare system," Comacho-Carr said. "It's about specialty care."

Cutting the funding for family

planning and health screenings like annual pap smears and breast exams could prevent problems from being caught early, lingering until they require expensive treatment after the illness has progressed.

As well as domestic care, Planned Parenthood as well as the federal government provides family planning services in the developing world where half a million die from pregnancy complications annually, according to UNICEF. Comacho-Carr is concerned international programs will be cut as well.

Cuts to Planned Parenthood would affect four Seattle locations.

"It really is a human rights issue," Comacho-Carr said. "Women are really undervalued in many places in the developing world."

At the local level, cuts to Planned Parenthood would affect four Seattle locations.

Although the Catholic church and Planned Parenthood disagree on the issues abortion and contraception, Fr. Peter Ely, S.J. Seattle University's vice president of Mission and Ministry says Catholics would not be in conflict with the church if they sought health screenings or prenatal care at Planned Parenthood or other

family planning services.

"Women's health is high on the list [of Catholic social justice concerns]," said Ely.

Couples have the right and responsibility to plan their families.

**Fr. Peter Ely S.J.**  
Mission and Ministry

Ely said some people feel the Catholic church is against family planning when in reality it is just positioned against abortion and unnatural methods of birth control.

"Couples have the right and responsibility to plan their families," Ely said. "They have to decide how many children are reasonable for them."

Despite the numerous concerns, some political analysts believe the Pence Amendment is unlikely to pass. The GOP supported budget passed by the House is currently in the hands of a Democrat controlled Senate and President Obama recently announced he would veto a Republican budget.

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## Albers scores big names to motivate business grads

Big name executives from companies like Boeing, REI, Costco and Amazon frequent Albers docket

**Cameron Drews**  
Staff Writer

During these times of economic uneasiness, business students might be wondering how some companies, despite the drops in consumer spending, are playing through the pain and finding ways to survive. The Albers Executive Speaker Series invites big name executives from companies like Boeing, Alaska Airlines, REI and Costco to speak on campus and share their experiences with Seattle University students and faculty.

The AESS webpage lists the

Speakers are selected based on their business strategies and philosophies.

dates and times of upcoming talks as well as the names of speakers who have already visited. Some of the more recent event titles have included The Port of Seattle: Where a Sustainable World is Headed, The Changing Needs of the Global Financial Services Industry, and Retail Banking: The Way Forward.

The question on everyone's mind is, "Where is the U.S. economy heading?" And these titles suggest that AESS speakers might be able to give students valuable insight into what to expect for the future.

While recent headlines about shady deals and corporate bankruptcies have turned words like "corporate" and "CEO" into terrifying terms that are unquestionably linked to villainy, Joseph Phillips, Dean of the Albers School of Business, wants students to know that there is no need to assume the worst when evaluating the integrity of AESS speakers.

"They would never come to campus specifically to promote their own product," Phillips said.

Phillips selects and contacts these speakers personally based on whether or not their business strategies and philosophies will be helpful to the Seattle U student body. In other words, they don't contact Seattle U; Seattle U contacts them.

Rather than answering to a hungry swarm of crooked businessmen who are waiting to prey on the spongy minds of college students, Phillips tries to contact the ones he believes are best fit to pass on their message. Even if these people wanted to sell a product or agenda, they don't typically know a whole lot about their audience.

"Most of these people know little to nothing about Seattle U," Phillips said. "This is about introducing businesses in the community to Seattle University."

It's even possible that some of these speakers are intimidated by college students and not the other way around. They have to ask themselves whether or not Seattle U students are unconditionally hostile to corporations or if we simply won't agree with some of

the proposed business methods. It doesn't happen very often, but Phillips mentioned that there have been demonstrations against a speaker.

We're not guaranteed a hospitable response from the audience.

**Barbara Hauke**  
Albers MarComm

The bottom line is that these talks are meant to benefit the students. The students are able to evaluate the speaker's message and decide what to take from the discussion. Either way, it is meant to be a positive learning experience.

Barbara Hauke, director of Marketing and Communications

Company speakers would never come to campus just to promote a product.

**Joseph Phillips**  
Albers Dean

for the Albers School, organizes these events.

"We're not always able to guarantee a hospitable reaction from the audience," said Hauke.

According to Hauke, these presentations begin with a 20 minute

## Upcoming events in the Albers Executive Speakers Series:

**Kim Harris**

President, Puget Sound Energy  
Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
Pigott Auditorium, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Kurt DelBene**

President, Microsoft Office Division  
Thursday, May 19, 2011  
Pigott Auditorium, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Tod Nielsen**

Co-President, Applications Platform, VMware  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011  
Pigott Auditorium, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

via Albers School of Business and Economics

talk by the speaker, and then a panel of one undergraduate student, one graduate student and one alumnus asks the featured guest a series of questions.

This portion also lasts for 20 minutes, and once the panel is finished with their questions, the floor is opened up to the general audience for the remainder of the event.

Occasionally, a reception will coincide with certain events. For example, when Jim Albaugh, vice president of Boeing, came to speak, there was a reception in

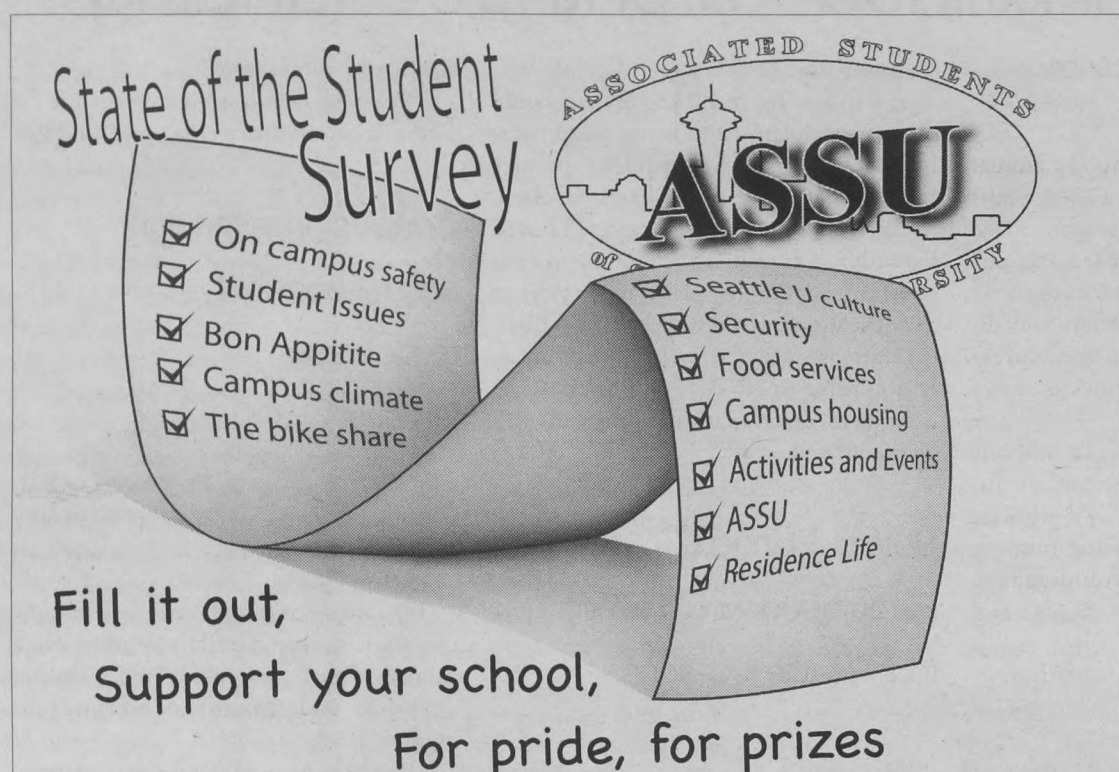
honor of Seattle U alumni who went on to work at Boeing.

As long as scheduling conflicts don't arise, the Executive Speaker Series features a different speaker twice per quarter, and the events usually take place in the Pigott Auditorium.

For more information on upcoming speakers and when and where to check them out, check out the Albers Executive Series main page.

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## SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

## Budget and Tuition News

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

On February 24, 2011, the Seattle University Board of Trustees approved the preliminary budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The new preliminary budget provides several improvements aimed at enhancing the student experience on campus and reflects the university's commitment to offering an excellent, mission-driven education and experience to every student.

In recognizing the need to address the financial needs of our continuing students and the incoming first year class, the university is increasing the financial aid pool by more than \$7 million. For Fall 2011, we can look forward to the opening of a new Fitness Center located at the southwest side of Connolly. The two-story addition will house the latest fitness equipment, stretching areas, a large studio and a fitness assessment office.

The FY2012 preliminary budget calls for a tuition increase of 5.1 percent for undergraduates, 5.2 percent for law students and 4 percent for graduate students. Student room and board fees will also be adjusted by 6 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively.

To meet the growing demands for technological support, a new technology fee of \$100 per quarter will be introduced for full-time students and \$65 for part-time students. This fee will be used, in part, to provide for technology equipment purchases, support for technology in the new Library and Learning Commons, 24/7 Help Desk service and expanded classroom and event support for extended hours during the evenings and weekends.

Other key highlights of the budget include:

- Funding to advance the excellence of our academic programs, the research and scholarship of faculty and students and the hiring of new tenure-track faculty members.
- Additional resources to advance the global education of our students and extend the international reach of the university.
- Investments in library resources to further enhance our commitment to the newly opened Library and Learning Commons.
- Hiring of a Chief Information Officer to strengthen the university's classroom and academic technology resources.
- Increased support for student initiatives in wellness and health promotion and recreational sports for the holistic development of our students.
- Funding for the continued support of student athletes, staff and coaches to advance the university's intercollegiate athletics program.
- Increased support for existing Student Campus Ministers, the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) program for students on campus, and the Contemplative Leaders in Action program through MAGIS: Alumni Committed for Mission program.

## Calif. gay marriage rights runs into resistance

**Lisa Leff**  
Associated Press

California's attorney general on Tuesday joined lawyers for two same-sex couples and the city of San Francisco in asking a federal appeals court to allow gay marriages to resume while the court considers the constitutionality of the state's voter-approved ban.

The latest offensive against Proposition 8 came when state Attorney General Kamala Harris told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a letter that sponsors of the measure approved in 2008 were unlikely to prevail in their appeal of a trial judge's ruling last year that struck it down.

Keeping Proposition 8 in effect therefore is a fruitless violation of gay Californians' civil rights, Harris said.

"The public interest weighs heavily against the government sanctioning such discrimination by permitting it to continue," she wrote.

The move also came as supporters of gay marriage grow impatient with the slow pace of court proceedings. The California Supreme Court reiterated Tuesday that it would take at least until the end of the year to consider a legal question asked by the federal court as it tries to resolve the appeal.

Gay marriages have remained on hold until the 9th Circuit decides the appeal.

Lawyers for the gay couples who successfully sued in the lower court petitioned the appeals court last week to lift the hold, as did the city of San Francisco.

Harris also said the case for allowing gay marriages was bolstered by the Obama administration's announcement last week that it would no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits the U.S. government from recognizing same-sex marriages.

While not directly relevant to Proposition 8, the administration's new position "substantially diminished" the likelihood the measure's sponsors will be successful in their effort to get the lower court ruling overturned, she said.

"Events have demonstrated that if the stay ever was justified, it is no longer," Harris said in her letter.

Andy Pugno, legal counsel for the coalition of religious and conservative groups that put Proposition 8 on the November 2008 ballot and campaigned for its passage, disputed the attorney general's contention that the prospects for a successful appeal were any more dim now than they were last summer.

"It's a highly politicized case, and this is just a reminder that we need the initiative process exactly because state officials sometimes refuse to do their job," Pugno said. "The fact that President Obama has made a carefully calculated political decision in no way changes the law and the role of the court to decide Prop 8's validity."

Harris, a Democrat who previously served as San Francisco's district attorney and who was a strong supporter of Obama's in 2008,

succeeded Gov. Jerry Brown as attorney general in January. Brown had refused to defend Proposition 8 in his previous role, as did then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Last year, both men asked the 9th Circuit to let gay couples marry during the appeals process.

The push by Harris to quickly get same-sex marriage reinstated in California could further enflame conservative activists angered by the administration's declaration that it considered the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.

The president of the Family Research Council, a Washington-based advocacy group that champions marriage and family as the foundation of civilization, said Tuesday it suspected the government was colluding with lawyers in the Proposition 8 case.

As evidence, group's president Tony Perkins pointed out that lawyers for the two California couples asked the 9th Circuit to lift its stay just a few hours after U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the administration's new position on the federal act. Perkins asked the government to provide records of any contact the Justice Department might have had with the attorneys.

"Even the appearance of collusion between the Department of Justice and litigants is highly damaging to the rule of law in America," Perkins wrote.

The couples' lawyers have said the timing was coincidental, noting they scheduled a news briefing on their 9th Circuit petition the night before Holder's surprise announcement.

Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which is funding the challenge to Proposition 8, said Harris' endorsement of allowing same-sex marriages to resume demonstrates that gay people are being hurt while the ban remains in effect.

"Life is not eternal — sometimes it is tragically short — and courts should not act as if it were otherwise," Griffin said. "Allowing the U.S. District Court's landmark decision to enter into effect will not harm anyone, but will alleviate the suffering of countless families and their children."

Same-sex marriages were legal in California before Proposition 8 passed in November 2008. The initiative supported by 52 percent of voters amended the state Constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman.

Because the governor and attorney general refused to defend the law on appeal, its sponsors have asked the 9th Circuit to allow them to do so.

But the federal court panel considering the case has said it needs the state court's guidance on whether ballot proposition sponsors can defend their measures in court if state officials will not.

The state court has said it plans to hear oral arguments on the issue in September.

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# CBA stalls Wisconsin public protests

Gov. Scott Walker presents \$1 billion budget in aid to public school systems

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After focusing for weeks on his proposal to strip public employees of collective bargaining rights, Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday presented his full budget — a plan that cuts \$1 billion in aid to public schools and local government but avoids any tax or fee increases, furloughs or widespread layoffs.

Walker said the cuts could be

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**Cory Mason**  
Wisconsin Representative

paid for in large part by forcing government employees to pay more for their pension and health care benefits. And the governor whose cost-cutting ideas have stirred a national debate over public-sector unions gave no indication he would soften his demand to reduce their power at the negotiating table.

Schools and local governments targeted for cuts would not be allowed to make it up with higher property taxes.

"This is a reform budget," Walker told lawmakers inside the Assembly chamber as protesters on the floor below screamed, banged on drums and blew horns. "It is about getting Wisconsin working again. And to make that happen, we need a balanced budget that works — and an environment where the private sector can create 250,000 jobs over the next four years."

Walker's legislation has drawn tens of thousands of demonstrators to the Capitol over the last three weeks, and tensions were still high as Walker outlined the budget during a joint session of the Legislature convened under heavy security. Assembly Democrats refused to stand as the governor arrived to speak.

"It feels like we're announcing a going-out-of-business sale," said state Rep. Cory Mason, a Democrat from Racine who criticized Walker's proposed cuts to education.

Walker's budget places "the entire burden of Wisconsin's budget shortfall on our children, our most vulnerable citizens in need of health care and long-term care, and our dedicated public employees," said Robert Kraig, director of the consumer-advocacy group Citizen Action of Wisconsin.

Doing so is Walker's "own value choice, not an economic necessity forced on him by others," Kraig said.

The governor released his two-year spending plan in part to support his argument that public-worker concessions are essential to confront a projected \$3.6 billion budget shortfall. His proposal to eliminate most collective bargaining remains in limbo after Senate Democrats fled the state to prevent a vote.

Wisconsin "cannot grow if our people are weighed down paying for a larger and larger government, a government that pays its workers unsustainable benefits that are out of line with the private sector," he said. "We need a leaner and cleaner state government."

By eliminating most collective bargaining, Walker says, state agencies, local governments and school districts will have flexibility to react quickly to the cuts.

The budget will put tremendous pressure on schools and local governments, which will be asked to shoulder huge cuts without raising property taxes to make up the difference.

Walker's budget includes a nearly 9 percent cut in aid to schools, which would amount to a reduction of nearly \$900 million. The governor also proposed requiring school districts to reduce their property tax authority by an average of \$550 per pupil — a move that makes it more difficult for schools to make up the lost money.

Additionally, cities would get nearly \$60 million less in aid, an 8.8 percent cut. Counties would lose more than \$36 million, a 24 percent reduction. They would not be allowed to increase property taxes except to account for new construction.

Walker estimates that his controls on property taxes would save \$736 over the next two years for the owner of a home valued at the median price of \$161,300.

He proposed a \$500 million cut in Medicaid spending, which would be achieved through a number of changes that include increasing co-payments and deductibles and requiring participants in SeniorCare to be enrolled in Medicare Part D, too. Overall spending on the program would still increase, just not as much as it would have without the changes he's seeking.

Walker asked for \$82 million in tax cuts, including an expanded exclusion for capital gains realized on investments made in Wisconsin-based businesses. The Legislature previously approved more than \$117 million in Walker-backed tax cuts that take effect later this year.

The budget also cuts funding at most state agencies, by 10 percent, except for salary and benefits.

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# ID bank card security stronger than standard cards

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Volunteer Writer

If students are worried about the security of funds on the debit portion of their school identification card, they should think again. The dual usage card poses no extra dangers to accounts; actually, it might even be safer.

"You don't have the card number on the front," said Cole Hunter who was the vice president of finance for the ASSU last year and worked a lot with the proposal for the new ID cards. "I think that kind of protects your identity."

"Everyone's pretty protected because your digits aren't out there, it's got your face on it, and it can be canceled immediately any time," he said.

Ron Smith, vice president for Finance and Business affairs, disputed the common misconception that this card differs immensely from regular debit cards.

"The card is actually a debit card," said Smith. "All US Bank card transactions are protected by either a secure, customer selected PIN or U.S. Bank's Zero Liability policy." With such a policy, the card holder is not responsible for any unauthorized transactions that occur after a card is lost or stolen and US Bank will refund the individual if any such fraud should occur.

"Banking functions and university

services are mutually exclusive, and independent of each other," Smith said. "Students can cancel the debit function without affecting any other services associated with the card."

Because the program was just recently launched in January, statistics are not yet available for how many students have taken advantage of the debit card option. However, such data is anticipated in the spring.

The option was added in response to student polls and surveys done several years ago by the now current ASSU Vice President of Finance, Clare Monahan. ASSU wanted to make sure that implementing the debit card option would be seen as a positive action to the students rather than something that is forced upon them.

"We did our part in reaching out to students," Monahan asked. She asked, "seeing is this something you want or is this something you feel would be forced on you?" said Monahan. "The majority of that feedback was positive."

For many, including Monahan, what drew them to the idea of the debit cards is the educational aspect that US Bank was offering.

Financial seminars will work to help students with anything from how to balance their checking account to working with financial aid.

"We think those seminars are actually going to benefit the students

who aren't necessarily going to verse themselves in [finances]," Monahan said.

With the cards now it use, it's becoming a matter of observing and learning.

"Typically it's a five-year contract, but we asked to do a three-year contract so the first year is implementation, there are bumps, we're working that out," Hunter said.

"There have been a few kinks in the system so far but nothing that we can't solve," Monahan said. "We are all kind of assessing the issues that are coming."

One big concern about the new student identification cards among students has been the fact that holes can't be punched through them. But ASSU is developing a solution for that too and US Bank has ordered half-sheet plastic holders for the card. Though the debit option exists, the student government is not intending to force it on anyone.

"It's an added convenience for students who choose to take advantage of this new benefit," Smith said. "The debit feature is 100 percent optional and will only be activated at the students' request."

"I would recommend students investigate it," Hunter added. "If it fits, it fits. If it doesn't, that's fine."

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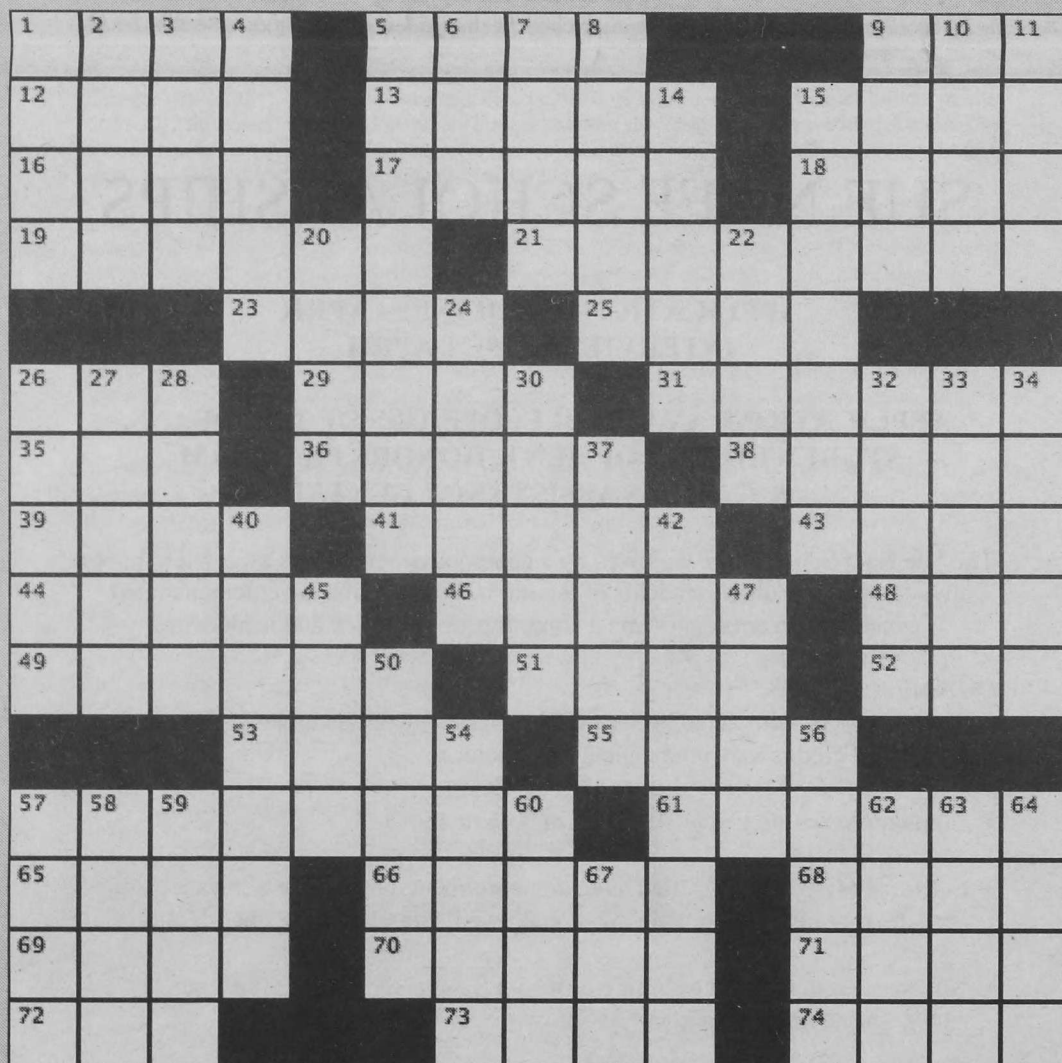
"I was really excited that Colin Firth won best actor."

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## Across

1. Bar bills  
5. Asta's mistress  
9. Mohawk-sporting actor  
12. Biblical birthright seller  
13. Author Zola  
15. Island in central Hawaii  
16. Bibliography abbr.  
17. "Lou Grant" star  
18. Treafter's words  
19. Basic monetary unit  
21. Adults  
23. Apex, pinnacle

## 25. General \_\_\_ chicken

26. Speck  
29. Sardine containers  
31. Goes in  
35. Flightless bird  
36. Sir \_\_\_ Newton was an English mathematician  
38. Belief  
39. Metrical foot  
41. Fragment  
43. Cloak  
44. Felon  
46. Fortune-telling cards

## 48. Bruce \_\_\_ was a famous kung-fu movie star

49. Mistakes  
51. Beatty and Rorem  
52. Competitor of Tide and Cheer  
53. Baum barker  
55. Former name of Thailand  
57. Seedcase  
61. Places of contest  
65. Augury  
66. Lacking brightness  
68. Beancurd  
69. Adult male deer

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73. Donkey cry  
74. Problem with L.A.

26. Thaw before takeoff  
27. Astrologer Sydney  
28. Swollen part  
30. It's a wrap  
32. \_\_\_ Gay  
33. Insurgent  
34. Alloy of iron and carbon  
37. Feels for  
40. Kicking  
42. Chiropody  
45. McDonald's founder Ray  
47. Boris Godunov, for one  
50. Employees  
54. Toothbrush brand  
56. Doles (out)  
57. Attitude  
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59. Actual  
60. Pillar  
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63. Big do  
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67. PBS benefactor;

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2. About  
3. Ancient Semitic for "Lord"  
4. Roman general  
5. Not a direct hit  
6. Mantric syllables  
7. Circular band  
8. Attentive, warning of danger  
9. Hindu lawgiver  
10. Hind part  
11. Connections  
14. Uneven  
15. Malformed animal  
20. Broadway opening  
22. Habit  
24. Make into law



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# University offers new Core

**Sam Kettering**  
Senior Staff Writer

Controversial seems like the least likely word to apply to a university's Core curriculum.

In the month since the University Core Revision Committee (UCRC) published their preliminary report, in which they presented the first draft of Seattle University's new Core curriculum, the report has generated a considerable amount of just that: controversy.

The UCRC made the preliminary report public to the university's community in January. The report demonstrates how the UCRC will restructure Seattle U's current content-based Core curriculum into a new outcomes-based Core curriculum, which the committee hopes to implement by the

2012-2013 school year.

The main components of the new proposed Core curriculum are the four modules that will replace the phases of the current Core. According to the report, each module represents a "broad goal," and as future students complete each module, they will develop and learn particular skills that the UCRC feels are intrinsic to the Jesuit tradition of education the whole person.

The preliminary report also emphasizes the flexibility of the proposed Core curriculum. Instead of taking a generic PHIL 110 course,

as the current Core curriculum requires, students will have the possibility of choosing from a list of courses

"One of the most exciting things to me about... the draft that came out in January is the flexibility it gives to students and faculty," said Jeff Philpott, the Core director and a Seattle U faculty member.

According to Philpott, because students currently choose their Core classes from a broad list of options with the same name, like PHIL 110: Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking, they inevitably wind up choosing a class where they know the professor or that they're friends are also taking. The generic titles of the courses make it difficult to tell what the course teaches, and so students don't get to choose their class schedule based on what interests them.

"As we move to an outcomes-based Core, each course will have a different title, so

## Proposed Core Curriculum:

### Module I

#### Engaging Academic Inquiry

Core 11XX (5 cr.)  
Academic Writing Seminar

Core 12XX (5 cr.)  
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning

Core 13XX (5 cr.)  
Creative Expression and Understanding

#### Inquiry seminars:

Core 14XX (5 cr.)  
Humanities

Core 16XX (5 cr.)  
Social Sciences

Core 18XX (5 cr.)  
Natural Sciences

30 credits

### Module II

#### Engaging the self

Core 22XX (5 cr.)  
Theological Explorations

Core 21XX (5 cr.)  
Philosophy of the Human Person

prerequisite to

Core 28XX (5 cr.)  
Ethical Reasoning

15 credits

### Module III

#### Engaging the world

Core 31XX (5 cr.)  
Religion in a Global Context

#### Global challenges:

Core 34XX (5 cr.)  
Humanities

Core 31XX (5 cr.)  
Social Sciences

Core 31XX (5 cr.)  
Physical and Life Sciences

Students take two courses not in their major studies.

15 credits

### Module IV

#### Reflection

MAJOR 4XXX (3+ cr.)  
Senior synthesis/  
Departmental Capstone

The proposed Core would have a total of 60 credits instead of the 71 credit minimum currently required.

3 credits



# e revisions, seeks feedback

students could pick a course where the theme of that course... would be something that really appealed to them," Philpott said. "You can pick a course not based on what time it is but because that course is a specific subject... that you really want to study."

The proposed Core curriculum will allow students to take classes based on their interests and professors can teach Core courses tailored to their expertise.

"[The proposed Core curriculum] allows for freedom of expression," said Theresa Earenfight, who sat on the UCRC and serves as the chair for the department of History. "But the disadvantages are much more apparent than advantages."

The controversy surrounding the proposed Core curriculum centers not on the purported flexibility of the new schedule but rather on the decision of the UCRC to divide the required courses in each module by discipline rather than by subject. For example, Module I as outlined by the preliminary report would require each student to take a humanities seminar instead of requiring them to take both a history and a literature course. And while the modules require students to take multiple other humanities courses, the majority of those must specifically be philosophy or theology courses.

"[The proposed Core curriculum] privileges philosophy and theology above other foundations of the Jesuit education," Earenfight said.

Students around campus also feel strongly about the proposed Core curriculum.

"It seems ridiculous to me that someone could graduate from this university without taking one of the pillars of education," said junior Lauren Pratt.

"As a person who studies history, and who is passionate about history in education, it's really scary to me to think that students going into the world after Seattle University could have the possibility of relying on high school level social science," said George Bayuga, a senior who sent a letter of concern to the UCRC. "I think history at the college level is so important because it's the first place where students can be exposed to really free historical discourse."

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on what time it is but because  
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**Jeff Philpott**  
Core Director

Bayuga feels it is almost impossible to recreate the skills one learns in a college level history class in any other subject. History, and literature as well, give students tools that help them understand the cultures around them.

"Classes like history and literature are important parts of building cultural capital," Bayuga said.

Cultural capital refers to a person's accumulated knowledge in society. When a student learns about

the causes of the American Civil War or reads William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," they gain cultural capital, which will benefit them throughout their personal and professional lives.

"Let's say an international student comes to the United States and isn't required to take a literature class," Bayuga said. "There are certain things that are very prevalent in popular discourse that the international student wouldn't have the opportunity to learn."

Philpott acknowledges that one of the concerns raised by individuals from the university community in response to the proposed Core curriculum was the potential for students to not take both a history and a literature focused English course.

"As we move towards an outcomes-based Core, as opposed to a disciplinary-based Core, what is much more important from my perspective than what department teaches the course is what the content of that course is," he said. "That's why we're paying so much careful attention to the criteria of each course...so each course specifies what kind of learning students will be getting out of that course."

Pratt disagrees with Philpott's assessment of what the proposed Core curriculum can offer.

"Professors who teach this courses might not know how to teach how to write or how to analyze a text the way an English professor can," she said.

The UCRC released the revised Core curriculum proposal to the university community by e-mail at 9:58 a.m. on March 1. A survey to gain feedback on the proposed Core will begin March 4.

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## Learning objectives seek to create holistically educated citizens

**Dallas Goschie**  
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Seattle University's learning assessment program has just undergone an enormous renovation.

Learning assessment, the method through which a university collects student data and determines at what stage in their development students are at, and how that correlates to the mission and goals of the university as a whole, is an increasingly crucial cog in the higher education machine. The leaders of Assessment of Student Learning, together with several faculty members, released this year a revised list of undergraduate learning objectives that they hope will further the ability of Seattle U students and hold the school more accountable to its unique mission statement and identity.

The learning objectives specify that Seattle U students, upon graduating, should be enlightened, holistically educated citizens, prepared to encounter the world, adept in their respective disciplines, empowered to make a difference, self-reflective in their pursuit of meaning and purpose and committed to justice and ethical action.

John Bean, an English professor and member of the University Assessment Committee, explains that of the five learning objectives, the first three are more heavily focused on academic skills while the last two focusing more specifically on Seattle U's unique Jesuit

mission. He emphasizes that assessing some of these objectives, especially the two focused on the more metaphysical mission, could prove "tricky" in the future, though they believe the incorporation of reflective writing assignments will allow for a more objective view of Seattle U's graduating class and how they see themselves in the world.

Much of the learning assessment revitalization is a result of increased standards held by the NWCCU, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, in its university-wide accreditation process, accord-

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we want to achieve.

**Chuck Lawrence**  
Co-chair of the University  
Assessment Committee

ing to Chuck Lawrence, associate provost for academic achievement and co-chair of the University Assessment Committee.

"[The NWCCU] asked universities to identify their mission and core themes... it is up to us to define what we are and what we want to achieve,

and [the NWCCU] holds us to deliver the education we say we can deliver," said Lawrence.

According to Lawrence, the learning assessment process can be described as a "closed loop," the university will develop learning objectives, assess those using agreed upon criteria, gather data on the current state of students, and adjust learning at Seattle U to correct any potential problems they run across.

Jeff Philpott, member of the University Assessment Committee, agrees, emphasized the importance of using learning assessment as a tool to make constant improvements in the curriculum.

The University Assessment Committee, according to Bean, will make use of "backward design" of the curriculum, wherein it will analyze areas of concerns among upper-class students and make adjustments among lower classes, allowing it to make these improvements earlier in the education process, to ensure that students are more attuned to Seattle U's mission throughout their education.

Lawrence, equipped with a colorful spreadsheet detailing the inner working of the learning objectives and assessment system, explained that faculty within each department will be responsible for incorporating assignments in line with the learning objectives on their own, which the assessment committee will gather and analyze independently.

For example, beneath the first major

learning objective, the document makes it clear that students should be able to "thoughtfully engage in complex questions about human existence and the natural world." In designing assignments, faculty will be encouraged to designate which of the learning objectives could be applied to their assignments. Therefore, a philosophy professor assigning a reflective essay to a student regarding how they view human existence would be placed in that category and assessed by the committee to determine how students think of themselves. If there is an overwhelming response to the human existence question that they believe is contrary to the mission of Seattle U, they will install material earlier in the learning process in an effort to ensure further correlation between the material taught and the overarching mission.

Philpott, Lawrence and Bean all agree that the new Core system will have a positive impact on the learning assessment process, and were all enthusiastic about the much needed changes it will bring to Seattle U. Lawrence emphasized that the new Core will be especially helpful both because it was designed to mesh with the new learning objectives, and because it is more "outcomes based," ensuring that the mission of Seattle U will be integrated into student education for years to come.

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# entertainment

## 'The Chieftain' aims to be Seattle U's first bar

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Capitol Hill is already awash with bars, but a new Irish pub opening soon named "The Chieftain" is looking to be the first to cater specifically to Seattle University students.

The chieftain that people will always associate with Seattle University is Chief Seattle.

**Ted Fortier**  
Professor

The Chieftain will open at 908 12th Avenue in the building vacated by Oom Yung Doe, a martial arts school, and will be operated by Peter Johnson, a local restaurateur who owns two other Seattle eateries. Posters in the windows of The Chieftain claim the pub will be Seattle U's place to grab a bite to eat and Johnson hopes that students and locals alike will stop in to watch

sports games.

Johnson and his wife Adrianna own Finn MacCools in the University District and McGilvra's Bar and Restaurant in Madison Park. He became interested in a Capitol Hill establishment not only because of the barhopping crowd that frequents the neighborhood, but also because of Seattle U's nearby student population.

"I live nearby, and I also have five kids," said Johnson. "One's at Seattle Prep, and three are at St. Joseph's, so there's the Jesuit tie."

Perhaps the most fun aspect of opening a new pub for Johnson is deciding upon the establishment's name.

McGilvra's was named for a prominent Seattle lawyer from the 1800s and Finn MacCools derives its moniker from a mythical Irish folk hero. Johnson decided upon The Chieftain in part because of Bill Hogan, Seattle U's director of athletics, who ate at McGilvra's from time to time.

"The old Seattle U mascot was the Chieftains," Johnson said. "I thought it was a good tie to the old Irish chieftains."

While the pub's name was inspired in part by the old Seattle U mascot, it will refer to the chieftains who used to lead clans in Ireland. Johnson hopes to reinvent what a chieftain means to the university's community.

Professors from the university's campus aren't so sure that can be done.

"Reinvention aside, the chieftain that people will always associate with Seattle U is Chief Seattle," said Ted Fortier, an associate professor of anthropology, who supported the change of the university's mascot from the Chieftains to the Redhawks.

The menu has yet to be finalized, but will definitely contain pub classics like burgers and pizza.

David Madsen, an associate professor of history, felt that the university's former mascot was an honor to Chief Seattle, but that the portrayal of the chieftain

as a mascot was inappropriate. Like Fortier, he finds it difficult to think of any other type of chieftain so close to Seattle U's campus.

"As long as [the pub] is where it is, it's going to be associated with the former mascot," said Madsen.

Name aside, the pub will offer its patrons affordable dishes. Several of Johnson's plans for The Chieftain include lessons he has learned from running Finn MacCools, an Irish pub located on the Ave, the University of Washington's equivalent of Broadway.

"I know one of our huge hits in the University District is half-off Sunday nights," Johnson said. Half-off Sundays might become a weekly event at The Chieftain, too. "You have lots of kids coming back from a weekend with their parents, they might have a few extra dollars in their pocket, so it's a deal if they can get something half-off."

The menu has yet to be finalized, but it will definitely contain pub classics like burgers and pizza. One of the more popular dishes at McGilvra's is the Reuben, and Johnson confirmed

that sandwiches would also be on the menu.

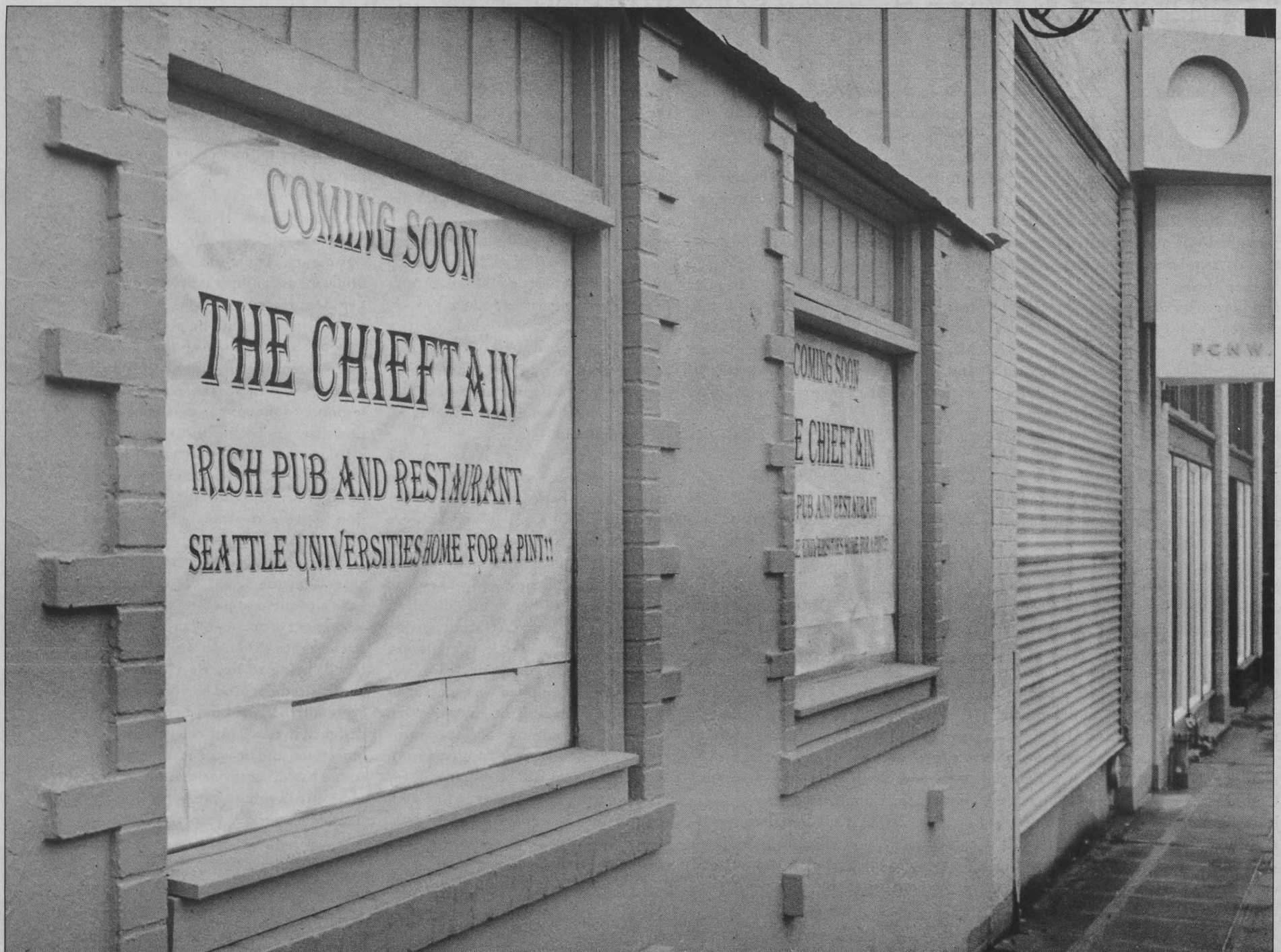
It remains to be seen whether or not Seattle U students under 21 will be allowed to enter.

It remains to be seen whether or not Seattle U students under the age of 21 will be allowed to enter The Chieftain. Johnson is currently negotiating with the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to see if people ages 18 and up can be allowed inside the pub until a designated time, like 6 p.m.

The building and the pub still require finishing touches, so The Chieftain won't open for another three months or so. Johnson hopes to open for business by the end of May, though.

"I'd like to catch finals," he said.

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Peter Johnson is currently planning out the finer details of his new Seattle U specific pub, The Chieftain. The pub's name is already drawing controversy from faculty.



# Former P.I. writer talks about rise and fall of city's arts

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Richard Campbell, former arts critic for the Seattle Post Intelligencer, spoke Tuesday at Seattle University's Wyckoff Auditorium in an event sponsored by the Fine Arts Department. Campbell's main focus during the talk was his book on the history of Seattle's performing arts scene, exploring the scene's changes from the 1950s through the '90s.

Struggling to explain concepts like the linotype and describing local artists from the 1960s to a crowd of young students, Campbell focused on firsthand accounts of life as an upstart art critic in the newspaper industry. As a young critic, Campbell once worked all night on a review of a piano concert that he felt was not good. The assignment was for a small town newspaper and the review was never published. Campbell's editors were shocked by the tone of his review—tame by today's standards—and told him they had never published a negative review in the history of the paper. Campbell joked that later he was asked by the piano player to testify at a trial; the pianist had

been injured in an auto accident and wanted Campbell, because of his negative review, to testify that the accident worsened his music.

Campbell outlined the rise of the Seattle arts scene in his talk. From the 1950s, when the city

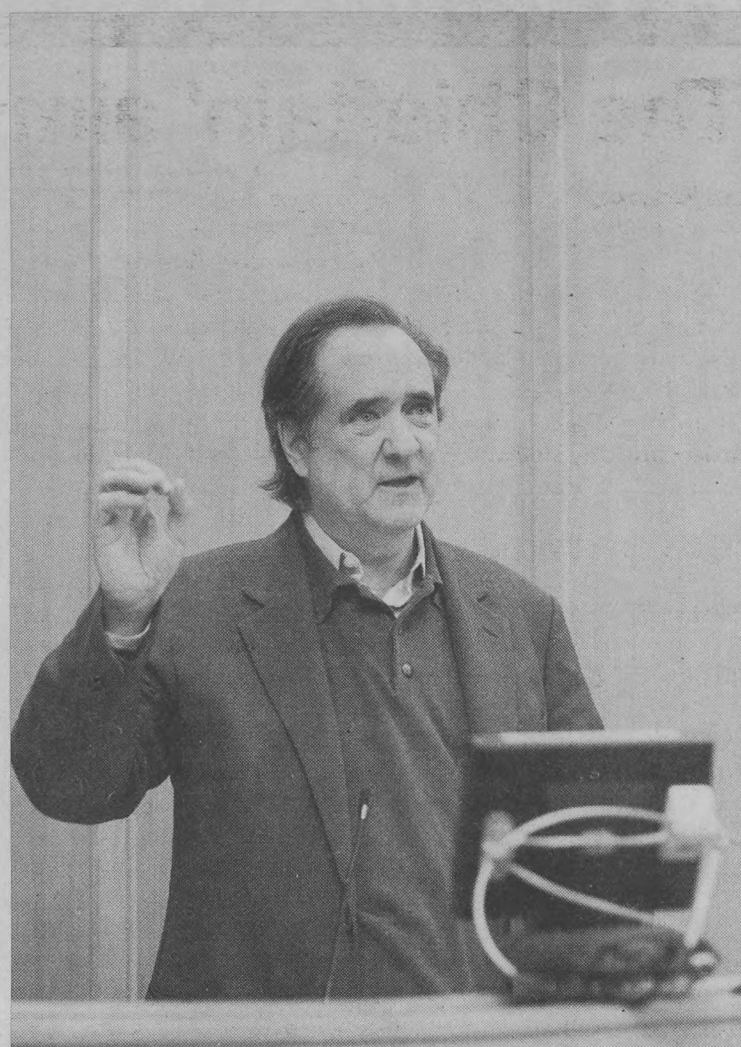
The critic [is]  
a middleman  
between the artist  
and audience.

had no professional opera, ballet or theater and was called a "cow-town" by the arts community, to 1985 when the Post Intelligencer had a record seven fulltime art critics, to 1998 when, according to Campbell, "galleries were everywhere." Those galleries, once prevalent in the '90s, are mostly gone now according to Campbell; the ascent of art from the 1950s to the '90s has faded away. Of the decision makers in the early art world, Campbell says "they were tired white boys without new ideas."

Campbell's discussion turned a bit away from the past when he opened the floor for questions. When asked if adversity can stimulate creativity in the arts, Campbell responded with an emphatic no—that money helps, always. On the subject of whether critics are needed any more, with the advent of blogs and social media, Campbell responded that the really large, national papers, like the New York Times, still have critics and still pay them, emphasizing the importance of the role of the critic as a middleman between the artist and the audience.

Campbell, no longer writing for the P.I. and working on the completion of his first book, is turning his sights away from the critical art world for the moment. Looking ahead, Campbell wants to travel, citing Bali, Morocco and Sri Lanka as places he hopes to visit. When asked what advice he might have for Seattle U students looking to enter the art world as either artist or critic, Campbell responded simply, "Work hard. It's a competitive world."

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Richard Campbell is currently working on writing his first book.

## The Crocodile hosts Seattle SXSW send-off



Courtesy Brandon Milner

Seattle folksy favorites Campfire OK will be heading down to SXSW with their Northwest bretheren this month.

**Jake McCune**  
Volunteer Writer

March marks the 24th anniversary of South By Southwest (SXSW), the annual festival in Austin, Tex. held every year for both industry insiders and fans of new music. It's a big opportunity for bands to make new fans and get noticed by the right people who can catapult them to a wider audience. Seattle's growing music scene is hungry for national attention and a wide variety of local bands are preparing to make the trek down to Austin this month. To send these bands off in proper

fashion, The Crocodile is hosting a 21+ show this Thursday, featuring D. Black, Wild Orchid Children, State of the Artist and The Tea Cozies. Beforehand, the venue will play host to an all-ages musician's bazaar that will give fans the opportunity to meet and support these local musicians as well as help them raise money for the long trip to Austin. All of the Seattle bands heading down to SXSW will be hosting booths that will include standard merchandise as well as a little something special from each band.

"[Our] big ticket item is a limited edition painting of

Eleanor Roosevelt rocking the mic," said Jessie Reed of Seattle garage-pop outfit The Tea Cozies. The Tea Cozies will also be opening the show later that night. "We're really excited. We love The Crocodile and it's our last local show before SXSW. We'll be debuting some new stuff and really just getting ready for Austin." This year marks the band's "maiden voyage" to SXSW. "We're treating it as kind of an exploratory mission. We want to meet some nice, smart people and cool bands to tour with down the road."

Meeting people is a common goal among bands. More than

anything, SXSW is a place to make valuable connections as well as new friends. "Seattle has been so nice to us, and we love our city, but it's time to play shows outside of Seattle," said Troy Nelson of the Young Evils, a recently formed alt pop band that will also be attending SXSW for the first time. Nelson, who is emceeing the event this Thursday, seems eager to expose his band to new audiences no matter what happens down in Austin. "We're going to play music and record songs no matter what. It's almost impossible to tell which way the

wind is going to blow."

It's a good attitude to have—traveling from Seattle to Austin is an expensive endeavor. Folk-rock group of fellow Seattleites, Campfire OK, is also making its way down to SXSW, hoping to benefit from what the festival has to offer. Band members Melanie Knight and Mychal B. Goodweather discussed the risks and rewards of attending a festival so far away.

"It is very financially difficult to get down there. It's a long ways away. You have to think about all aspects of traveling... but that doesn't mean you shouldn't do it," said Goodweather. Knight

talked about the band's attitude towards these risks.

"Even though we're making an investment right now, we're not doubting that we're going to be paid back. On a big scale, this risk isn't as detrimental as it could be for some." Many bands that make it all the way down to Austin have a lot of fun, but end up financially in the red because of expenses. Campfire OK doesn't seem too worried, though.

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with down the road.

**Jessie Reed**  
The Tea Cozies

"We're in a place where we can see the future and it seems very promising... we know the industry and the music scene and we have beautiful music that is accessible."

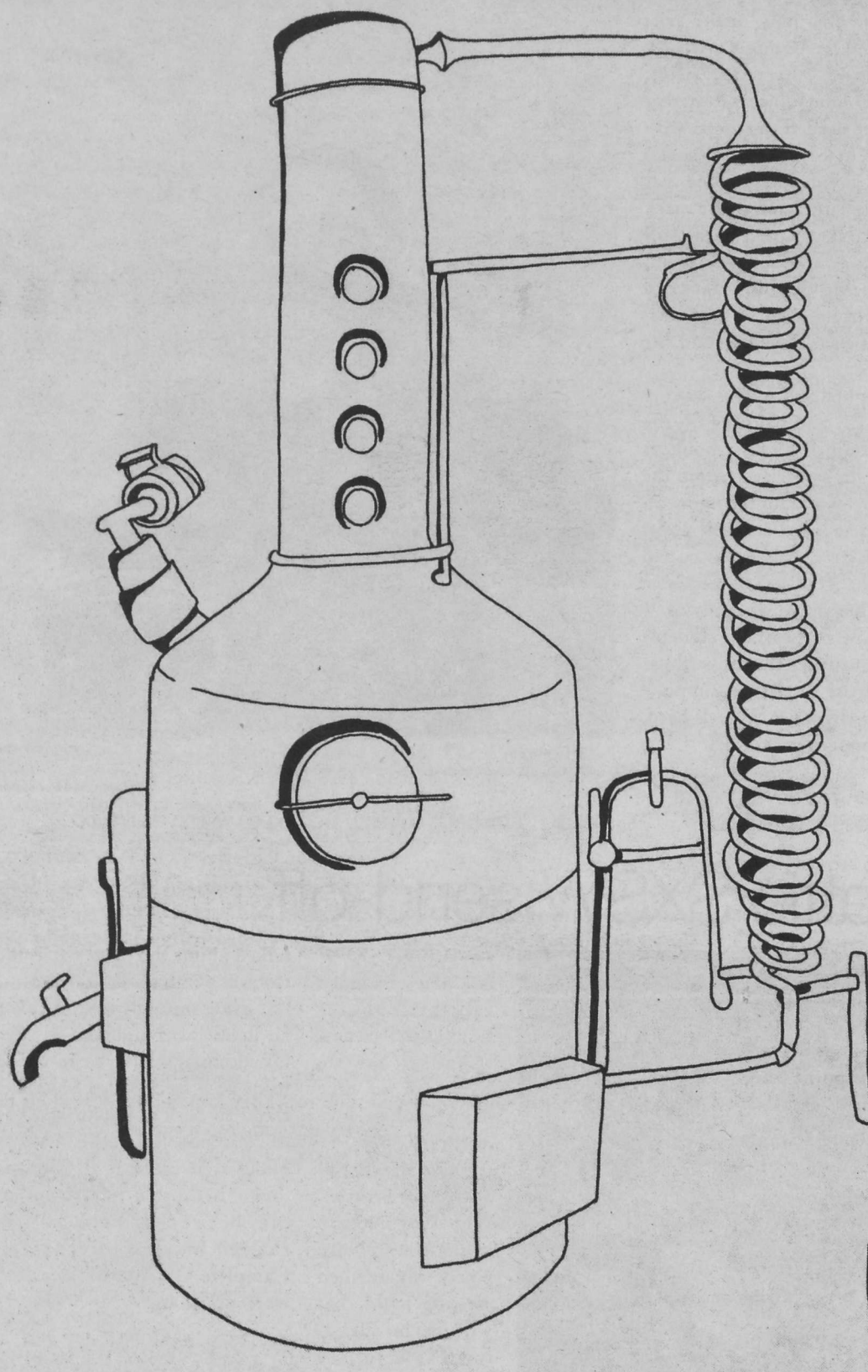
Although Campfire OK and The Young Evils won't be playing the Crocodile on Thursday, both bands will be participating in the bazaar beforehand, where Campfire OK will host a kissing booth featuring members of the band. The Young Evils will have exclusive stuffed pillows for sale. All three bands will be playing the SxSeattle showcase on March 18 in Austin, Tex.

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A brief history:

# Washington State's spirited odyssey



produce up to 60,000 gallons of liquor per year, and a little over half (51 percent) of the raw materials used to make the liquor must be grown in Washington State.

Washington State law regarding the production of hard liquor changed in 2008 with the implementation of HB 2959 which created a new license for craft distilleries. Rules regarding how much liquor can be sold and where it can be consumed are strict, but distilleries like Sun Liquor benefit from craft distillery only perks like tasting rooms, on-site sales, and a smaller bill to the liquor board. The cost of applying for a regular distillery license is \$2,000 while a craft distillery license costs a meager \$100.

This lower annual fee to the WSLCB levels the playing field between distilleries, breweries and wineries, both of which were paying the lower fee before the implementation of HB 2959.

In 2008, Spokane's Dry Fly Distillery became the first hard liquor producer in Washington State since Prohibition. Their vodka, made with grain grown in Spokane, has won top honors at San Francisco's World Spirits Competition.

As is the case with most things liquor related in Washington State, we looked south to Oregon. At last count, Oregon has 28 licensed craft distilleries, which have produced impressive numbers; in 2009 alone, the craft distillery industry earned \$413 million. If you consider that in 2007 alcohol's total contribution to local and state revenue was \$40 billion, na-

tionally, then a move to expand one of the highest taxed industries is only logical for the state budget.

The new distilleries on Capitol Hill, Sun Liquor, Oola

and Black Label Spirits already have some big shoes to fill. When Sun Liquor distillery finally opens on March 4, it will become the first distillery on Capitol Hill to operate legally since Prohibition, although the gin that owner Michael Klebeck is working to perfect won't be available for sample or sale until the recipe is completed.

The new distilleries on Capitol Hill already have some big shoes to fill.

As the popularity of craft distilleries grows, so does the demand for their products outside of their tasting rooms and liquor stores. The most recent craft liquor related bill (HB 5650) proposes that a craft distillery should be allowed to purchase an endorsement from the liquor control board to sell their liquors for off-premise consumption at qualifying farmers' markets.

Although recent legislation regarding craft distilleries has eased some of restrictions previously in place for business owners who wanted to make hard liquor, Michael Klebeck, owner of Sun Liquor and co-founder of Top Pot Doughnuts told Capitol Hill Seattle Blog that the process is not for the faint of heart. According to Klebeck, the application process is arduous and even before he was approved to operate his distillery, which is opening this week at 514 East Pike Street, he had to make a \$750,000 investment in equipment that needed to be functional by the time of inspection.

Meaning that without some serious loot, opening a craft distillery may not be the best alternative to graduate school.

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**Kassi Rodgers**  
News Editor

They seem to be popping up all over Capitol Hill these days, with three expected to open

along the Pike/Pine corridor before the end of Spring, but why distilleries? Well, first thing's first, what is a distillery?

A craft distillery, the particular classification of the

distilleries opening up on Capitol Hill, is like a winery or a brewery. According to the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB), craft distilleries can by law

produce up to 60,000 gallons of liquor per year, and a little over half (51 percent) of the raw materials used to make the liquor must be grown in Washington State.

The new distilleries on Capitol Hill, Sun Liquor, Oola

## Craft liquor perks\*

There are some key differences between regular licences and craft licenses

### Annual license fee

\$100 for craft distillery (\$2,000 for a regular distillery).

### Tasting rooms

Up to 2 ounces per customer (craft).

### On-site sales

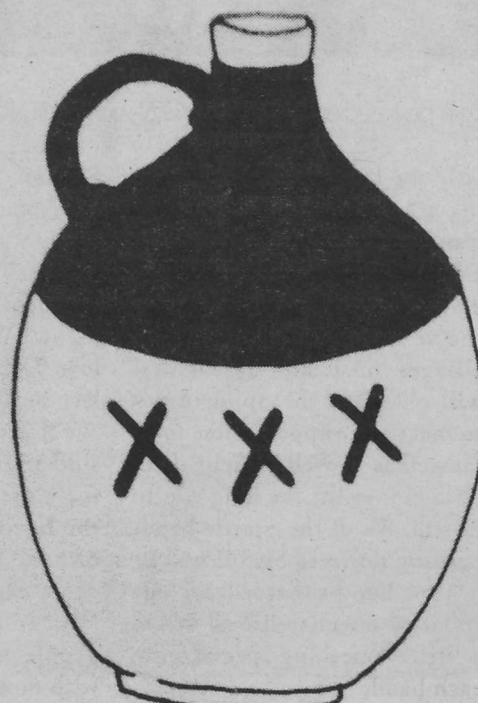
Up to 9 ounces per customer (craft) and not available (regular).

### Ingredients

At least 51 percent of raw materials from Washington (craft) and no local restrictions (regular).

### Volume limit

Up to 60,000 gallons a year (craft) and no limit (regular).



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\*Data from WSLCB.



# Small artisan distilleries to call Capitol Hill home

**John Beaton**  
Staff Writer

It would seem that the days of moonshining in Seattle are behind us now. The once shady business that made millionaires out of individuals like Al Capone is now completely legitimate, thanks to the 2008 passage of a state law that would allow small distilleries to operate in Washington.

Thanks largely to the determination and passion of a few individuals, three small distilleries will be opening their doors here on Capitol Hill. Sun Liquors, located near Pike and Boylston; Oola Distillery, located on 14th and Union; and Black Label Spirits, located on

10th and Union. All of these distilleries, which are located al-

most a stone's throw from one another, will offer a versatile and personal touch to the product that they will bring to the Capitol Hill market.

I was really inspired by the movement in Portland and the distilleries they were able to establish there.

**Cory Duffer**  
Owner of Black Label Spirits

For all whose imbibing of alcoholic beverages doesn't warrant police action, this should come as some great news considering that the liquors made from these distilleries will have a strong personal touch and a sense of innovation.

Corey Duffer, owner and founder of Black Label Spirits, showed significant passion for his work that will undoubtedly manifest itself in his spirits. His spirit, he claims, reflects the spirit of the many individuals that helped found this country through the art and craft of making spirits.

However, his short-term history with alcohol (regarding the craft of it) started and grew throughout his lifelong involvement with the restaurant business. Once he learned how to

make wine and beer, the rest seemed to fall in place.

"I was really inspired by

the movement in Portland and the distilleries they were able to establish there," said Duffer when responding to some of his recent influences.

Duffer went on to say that the development of distilleries, including the lobbying for their legality, which was pushed in large part by Dry Fly Vodka, began as a very communal effort that evolved organically.

Duffer reflected on how there is a lot of art in the distilling process and how creativity, not brass-business, brings out the real potential in a spirit. His business model strongly reflects this.

"Right now it's just me involved in this... which was kind of a financial thing cause I have to pay out of pocket... but ultimately it's not about the bottom line."

For now Black Label Spirits is serving as a jumping off point where he, and collaborative input from others, will be able to produce some high quality vodka and brandy.

Duffer hopes to have the distillery open and ready for testing's by the first week of July.

Representatives from the other distilleries weren't able to contact The Spectator. However, according to each of their respective websites that anyone can access by searching their names, they will be specializing in gin and vodka.

According to Oola's website, they hope to open up their tasting room within a month or two. It is also speculated, and confirmed by Duffer regarding his distillery, that some of these tastings will be free to the public.

With spring just around the corner, Seattle U students can look forward to the growth of not only flowers and the temperature, but also some small distilleries that will contribute to the spirit of Capitol Hill.

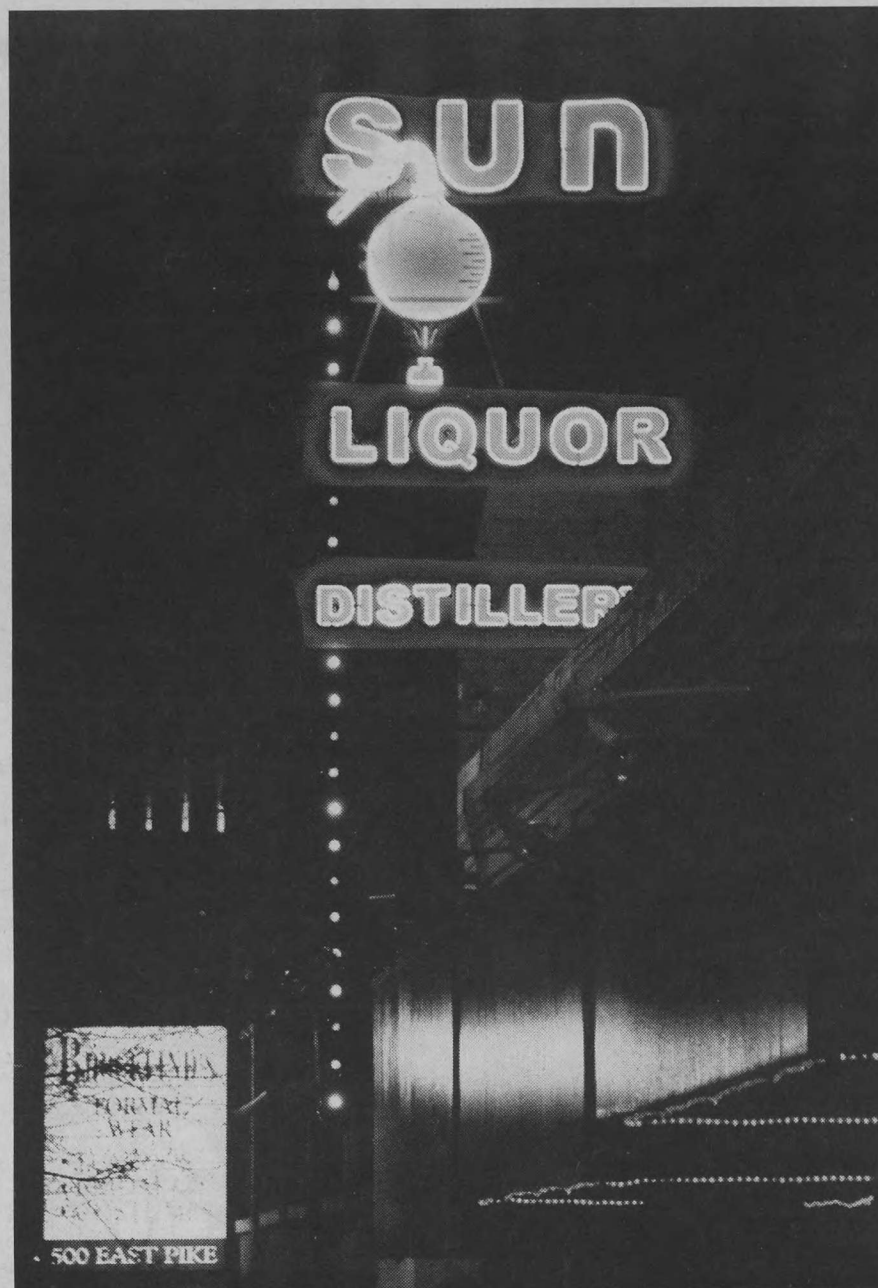
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You can experience local distilleries firsthand by visiting the following locations:

**Sun Liquor**  
1607 Summit Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98102

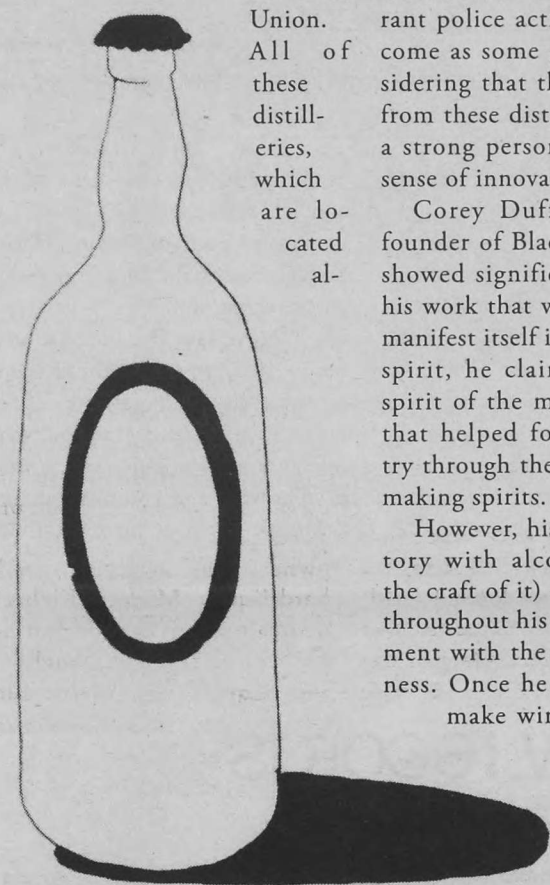
**Oola Distillery**  
1314 East Union  
Seattle, WA 98122

**Black Label Spirits**  
To be determined



Lindsey Wasson | The Spectator

Sun Liquor on Pike is making its presence known with its giant neon signage.



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Kirby Kallas-Lewis of the soon-to-open Oola Distillery stands in front of his starter collection of barrels that have yet to be filled.



# sports

## Track and field finishes indoor season in Big Apple

Track team travels across country to compete at conference championships

**J. Adrian Munger**  
Staff Writer

In the last meet of the indoor portion of the two-part track and field season, the Seattle University track and field team continued the year-long trend of strong improvement and consistent record-breaking at the Great West Conference Championships. Running from Feb. 27 to Feb. 28, the meets were held in New York City.

I'm proud of their work and optimistic about the future. We're going to continue building.

**Trisha Steidl**  
Coach

The team entered the meet with a strong sense of optimism, having

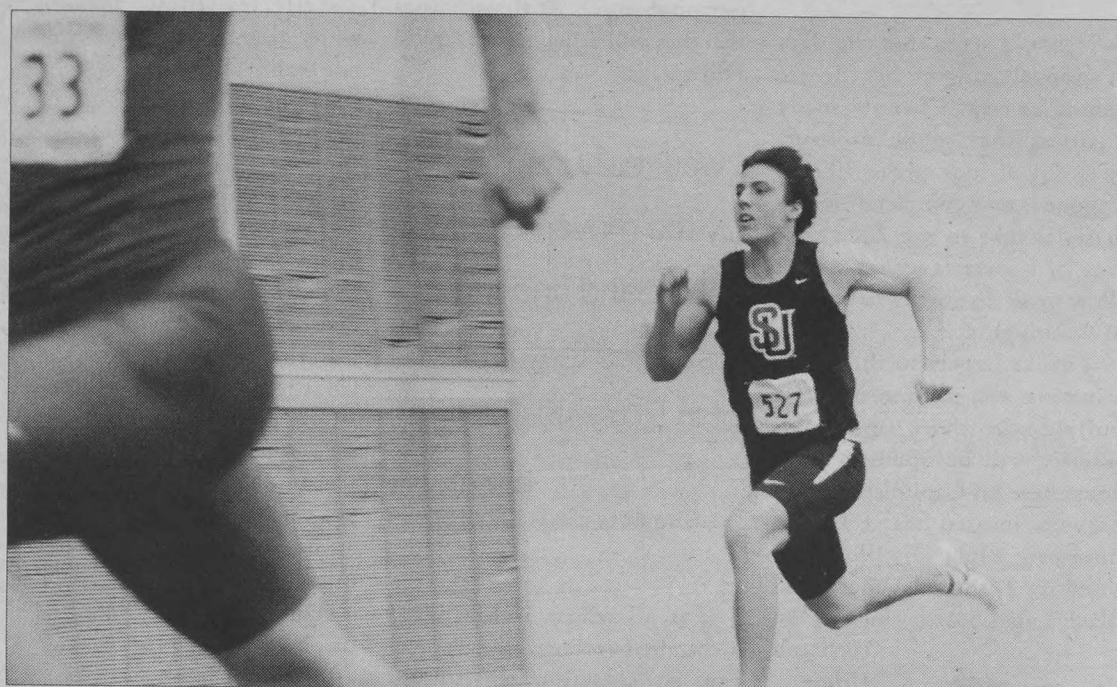
spent the past months consistently breaking school records and bringing themselves into clear contention with the best teams in the conference.

"The team is a lot stronger than last year. They're more confident and it shows," said head coach Trisha Steidl.

Prior to the meet, junior Ty Jaros had the second best mark in the Great West Conference for the triple jump, and runners Erik Barkhaus and Zach Stanfield, both juniors, were ranked as top runners in the 3,000 and 60-meter races, respectively.

The first day of the competition saw several Seattle U records broken, including some set just this year, including two by freshman Emily Walters, who set a new record in the long jump with a distance of 5.56 meters. This broke the previous Redhawk record, a record she had set, by a considerable margin. Walters also broke the Seattle U record in the 60-meter hurdle race.

Also edging out a school record



Lindsey Wasson | The Spectator

Track and field team completed their season over the weekend in New York City and will commence their outdoor season on Mar. 12 at the PLU Invitational in Tacoma.

was the long-distance relay team, made up of sophomores Meeghan Bergmann and Jennifer Stolle and freshmen Cara Talty and Mary Thompson. Their time in the finals beat the previous Seattle U record by a scant three seconds.

The pattern continued on the second day of events, where Stanfield dominated, running in the finals of four events: the 400, 200 and 60-meter races, as well as the 4x400 relay. He won the 400-meter race with a time of 48.76 seconds.

Jaros broke yet another Seattle U record when he competed in the

finals of the triple jump, leaping a distance 13.51. Jaros got fourth place in the event.

Both the men's and the women's teams placed fifth in the 4x400 relay, the men with a time of 3:24.88 and the women with a time of 4:03.40.

"They really went for it," Steidl said. "They ran very aggressively."

Both teams moved up in the meet rankings, with the women moving from sixth place to fifth, and the men going from seventh to eventually take fifth as well.

The team's success at the conference championships and in the

entire indoor portion of the track and field season sets the stage for an impressive outdoor season, which Steidl considers the most important part of the season.

"They've laid the foundations for an amazing rest of the season. It's very exciting," Steidl said. "They ran and trained hard all season, and this meet was the same. I'm proud of their work and optimistic about the future. We're going to continue building."

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## Swim finishes out season with 14 new records

**J. Adrian Munger**  
Staff Writer

Ending a season characterized by huge athletic improvement and frequent record setting, the Seattle University swim team completed their season at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Swimming and Diving Championships. The Redhawks broke an unprecedented 14 school and meet records, as well as countless personal records.

The Redhawk swim team showed great athleticism in relay events in particular, with the first day of competition hosting the breaking of four relay records. Seattle U swimmers and juniors Jordan Anderson, Keith Andrews, Erin Warren and Jeff Tibbals broke the existing record for the 200-meter medley relay, while junior James Gilmore, sophomores Murray Longbotham and Joe Wertz and freshman

Nicolas Morrell beat Seattle U's record in the 800 freestyle by six seconds.

Also breaking a school record, the women's 200 medley relay team of senior Kelsey Henan juniors Alexis Morehouse and Tina Nguyen and sophomore Briley Boggs broke the old record by just over a second.

Anderson, Andrews, Tibbals and Longbotham also placed second in the 200

freestyle relay.

"The meet went really well," said swim coach Kat Cuevas. "They've really been improving a lot and exceeding everyone's expectations."

They've really been improving a lot and exceeding everyone's expectations.

**Katherine Cuevas**  
Coach

Longbotham also broke a individual record that he himself had set earlier in the season. The Redhawks have repeatedly re-broken the same records this season.

"It's a measure of our improvement that we're breaking these records over and over again," Cuevas said.

The second day of races saw the setting of two MPSF records by Anderson and Longbotham. Anderson took first place in the 50 meter freestyle with a MPSF record of 20.12 seconds, also breaking his own record from a race earlier that day. Longbotham broke the school record and the MPSF record when he won the 500 freestyle, beating each record by about

a second.

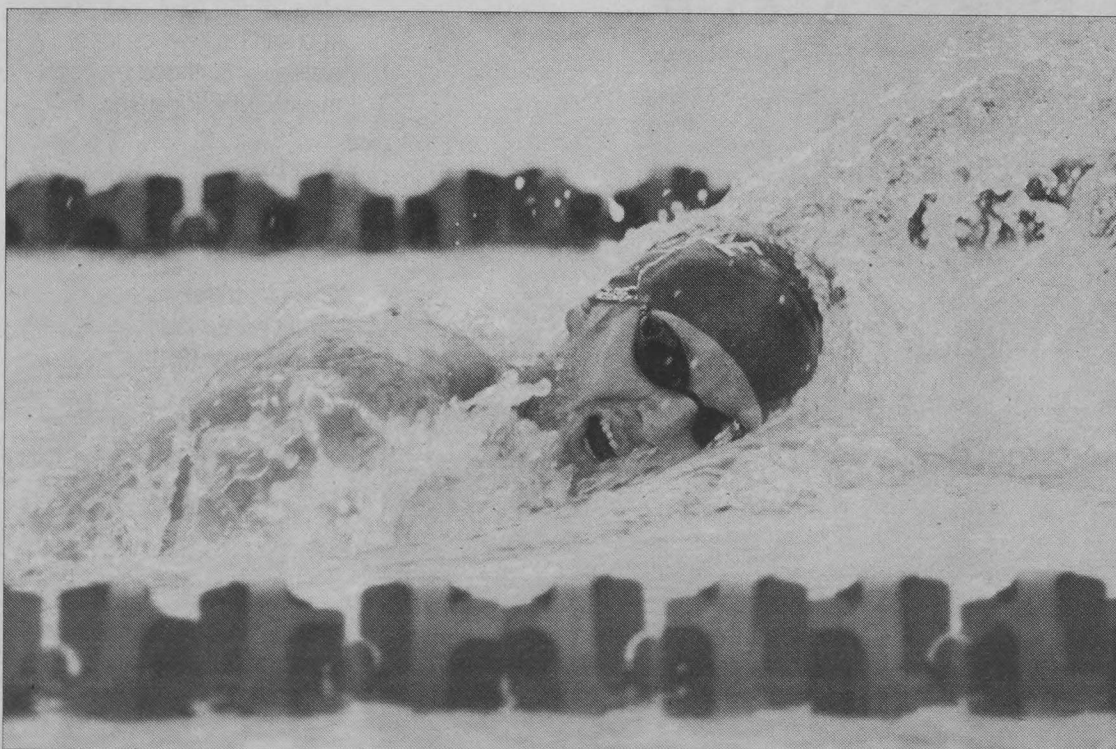
Junior Hayley Cobb broke the school record in the 500 freestyle by an astounding 18 seconds, the biggest margin of any of the records set.

Seattle U started the final day of races strong, with Alexis Morehouse breaking the previous school record, a record she had set, placing fifth overall in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:15.85. Soon after, Henan and juniors Hanna Basler, Cobb and Nguyen set a school record in the 4x400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:30:10, beating the school record by just under a second. Also setting a school record that day was Anderson, whose time of 44.56 got him first place in the 100 freestyle race.

Later that day Anderson, Gilmore, Tibbals and Longbotham came in third in the 4x400 freestyle, their time of 3:01:47 just shy of the school record but still good enough to get them on an NCAA B-cut list.

Although still considered a big step for the team, the women's team scored 201 points over the four days, placing eighth out of nine. The men's team placed third of three overall, falling from second place only near the end of the final day.

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The swim team completed the 2010-11 season over the weekend in Long Beach, Calif. It was the last meet as Redhawks for seniors Kelsey Henan, Andrew Martinez and Heather Nelson.



# Baseball takes swing at season, Division One

Redhawks look to improve on last year's losing season

**Emma McAleavy**  
Staff Writer

Seattle University's men's baseball team has started the season out strong. The Redhawks have won four of the seven games played thus far and are looking to improve on last year's record of 11-39. Two of this season's early wins came when Seattle U won two of their three games against Notre Dame in a triple header on Saturday.

"Last year we had one player with Division One experience, and

this year we have most of our team returning," said redshirt freshman Ryan Somers.

So the improvement may simply be a result of experience; last year was the team's first in Division One.

"We didn't know what to expect in Division One," said sophomore pitcher Blaine Jones.

The team is better prepared for this year and what it means to be a Division One baseball team.

"There's this sense [that] we know what we're doing," said pitching coach Dave Wainhouse.

The players have come together as a team more this year, which may have something to do with the success

they've been having on the field.

"I think a lot of the kids are buying into the whole team chemistry thing more on and off the field," Somers said.

There's this sense

[that] we know

what we're doing.

**Dave Wainhouse**  
Pitching Coach

Armed with their experience, a number of promising recruits and

their newfound team spirit, the Redhawks are determined not be intimidated by the reputations of their opponents this year.

"If we go out there and play against the game of baseball instead of the team that we're playing against we'll be a lot more successful," Somers said.

But the team is at least as focused on their off-the-field performance as they are on the game.

"I think to help the game slow down is being more mature off the field. Pushing yourself in practice, in academics, in everything in life, makes you tougher on the diamond, makes the game a lot slower," Jones said.

As part of their effort to perform well off the field, the players participate in community service.

"I think that just helps us become better people in the community, we're not just playing for ourselves, we're playing for the school and for the community," Somers said.

The players have also redoubled their academic efforts, raising their team GPA from a 2.6 to a 2.99.

"I don't want someone to look at me and be like hey you're an athlete, you're different, you know," Somers said. "I'm a student first and then I'm an athlete."

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Sophomore infielder Nate Roberts prepares to hit in Seattle U's triple header against Notre Dame over the weekend. The Redhawks won two of the three matches against the Fighting Irish.

## Scoreboard

### Baseball

2/25 Notre Dame  
0-5 (L)

2/26 Notre Dame  
1-0 (W)

2/26 Notre Dame  
7-2 (W)

### Men's Basketball

2/26 Cal State Bakersfield  
73-54 (W)

3/2 Stanford  
66-77 (L)

### Softball

2/27 San Diego  
4-3 (W)

2/27 San Diego  
0-2 (L)

### Men's Swimming

2/23-2/26 MPSF Conference  
Championships  
3 of 3

### Women's Swimming

2/23-2/26 MPSF Conference  
Championships  
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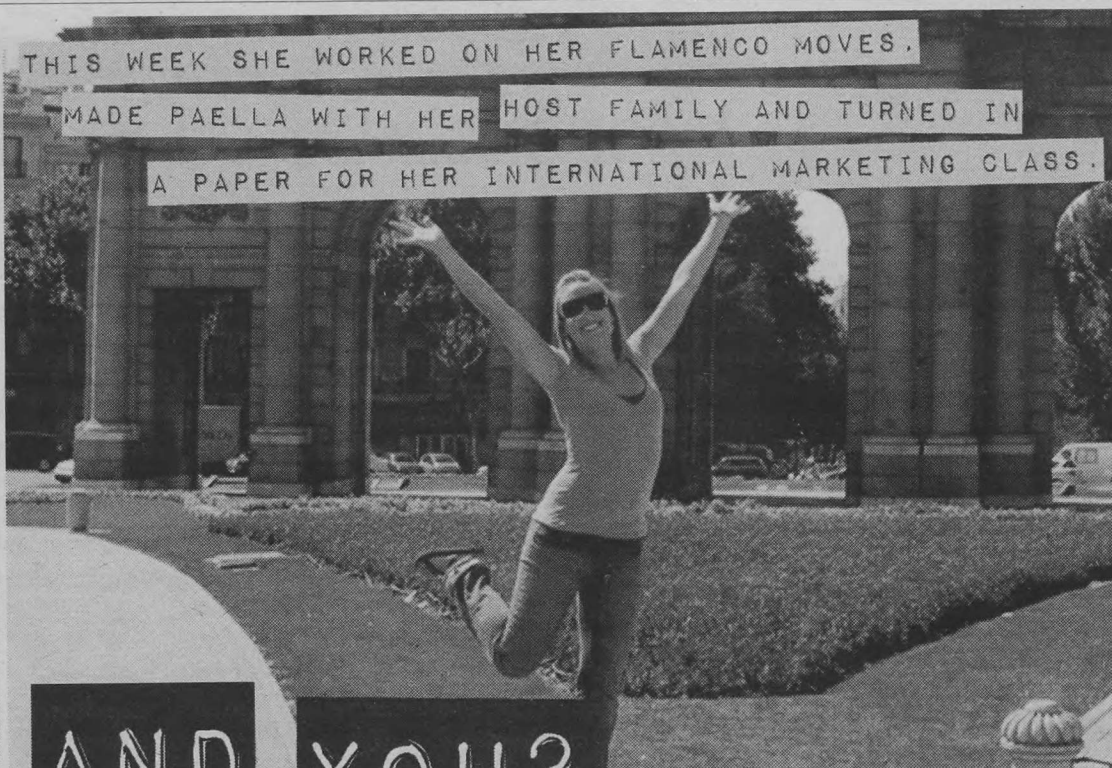
### Men's Tennis

2/26 Lewis-Clark State  
2-5 (L)

2/26 Montana State-Billings  
6-1 (W)

2/27 Montana State  
2-5 (L)

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## STAFF EDITORIALS

Guns in classrooms  
promote wrong idea

Debate over whether or not unconcealed weapons should be allowed in Texas college classrooms has head-scratchingly been circulating the Lonestar State's legislature. Yes, you read that right. Texas lawmakers are discussing laws that would permit students to bring guns on campus, a move that would effectively turn the "Gun-Free Zone" campuses pride themselves on into a "War Zone." The reasoning: if a Virginia Tech ever happened in Texas, students should be able to protect themselves.

Fighting fire with fire usually doesn't make for a solution, it just makes for a really, really big fire. Arming students for possible warfare suggests that they should be expecting warfare on campus. That's not necessarily a message the government should be relaying to students. Remembering to grab your gun along with your textbooks on your way to class doesn't instill a sense of safety. Conversely, it instills an unnecessary Orwellian sense of paranoia. The whole notion of arming students certainly seems more at home in a dystopian novel than it does in reality.

The Virginia Tech incident was tragic, as was Columbine and the slew of other school shootings that have cropped up in the past 15 years. But perhaps instead of throwing more guns at the problem, lawmakers should be examining why the issue of school shootings is so uniquely American. A look at a timeline of school shootings across the world since 1996 shows roughly 76 percent of the incidents occurring in the United States. This probably isn't a coincidence. Lawmakers should attempt to get at the root of why the American classroom has become less secure over time, why a group of American teens are deciding that their only outlet is extreme violence. Because legislation allowing students to carry guns on campus isn't even just lazily slapping a band-aid on the issue, it's like pouring salt into an already open gun wound.

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## Wisconsin bill supporting partisan agenda?

**Christopher Ryan Kennedy**  
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In light of a steady decrease in Obama's public approval rating during his first two years in office, we saw an influx of Republican candidates sweep into state office during the 2010 elections. This "GOP landslide," as some have called it, provided a Republican controlled House coming into the New Year, and from it we have already seen some highly controversial legislation. In a move backed by the rest of the Republican Party, new Republican Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin is proposing legislation that would effectively strip public workers of their rights to collectively bargain.

In response to the legislation, thousands of protestors have been lining the streets of Madison, Wis. over the days since the proposals,

along with solidarity protests in the other 49 other states. Workers fear this new bill will be the end of public sector unions in the state of Wisconsin, taking away the only bargaining chip the unions held with employers.

Walker claims that these cuts will help deal with the state budget deficit, but the people aren't so sure. Thanks to changes made beginning in 2009, the projected state budget for Wisconsin in 2011 had a surplus of about \$120 million. In his short time in office, however, Walker has been able to sign two business tax breaks and some experimental conservative healthcare programs, bringing the state to the \$137 million budget deficit it enjoys now.

In reality, the proposal is not going to save the state money. On the contrary, if the state was truly conscious of the fiscal situation, they

Teachers should be  
priority in new Core

A university's identity lies within two main characteristics: what material it teaches and who it chooses to teach that material. These two factors speak louder than anything else in identifying what a university stands for, and believes all that walk through its doors should leave knowing.

The University Core Revision Committee must consider that they are not only shaping how students and faculty view the university, but how all others will as well. It is the standard by which all other universities, and potential alumni, should and will judge the quality of the education students receive, and quality is not to be found in a curriculum filled with and gaps and cracks. Will the best possible product emerge from a committee unwilling to listen to the concerns of current faculty and students, those best acquainted with what would be the best way to fix the status quo?

Additionally, a new Core in any form will be nothing without the dedicated teachers needed to impart the most basic and foundational information to students. Seattle University prides itself on small class sizes and professors that care about the students they teach at such a small institution. Yet inspiration is hard to come by in classes required of all, and thus taught for no other reason than to fill a requirement. For students paying thousands of dollars to receive an education, it seems that tenured or tenure-track faculty, passionate and invested in what they teach and study, should be a top priority. A revised curriculum will mean nothing without professors dedicated not only to the subject they teach, but seeing students have as much passion for the subject as they do.

For the university now, so focused on implementing dramatic and sweeping change at a breakneck pace, it must consider that a new Core must contain material that not only covers all necessary areas, but one that professors will be eager to teach to students.

would have also made the bill apply to public safety officers' unions—unions which traditionally have the highest benefits, salaries and retirement.

To take this one step further, we see that on a state level, unions provide a great deal of funding for electoral candidates, most notably with Democrats. This bill would, in theory, severely limit the abilities of the unions to provide for their members by eliminating their ability to compromise with employers. For the workers, who annually vote for the continuation of the union, this severe inability to provide services would leave them no choice but to discontinue the union.

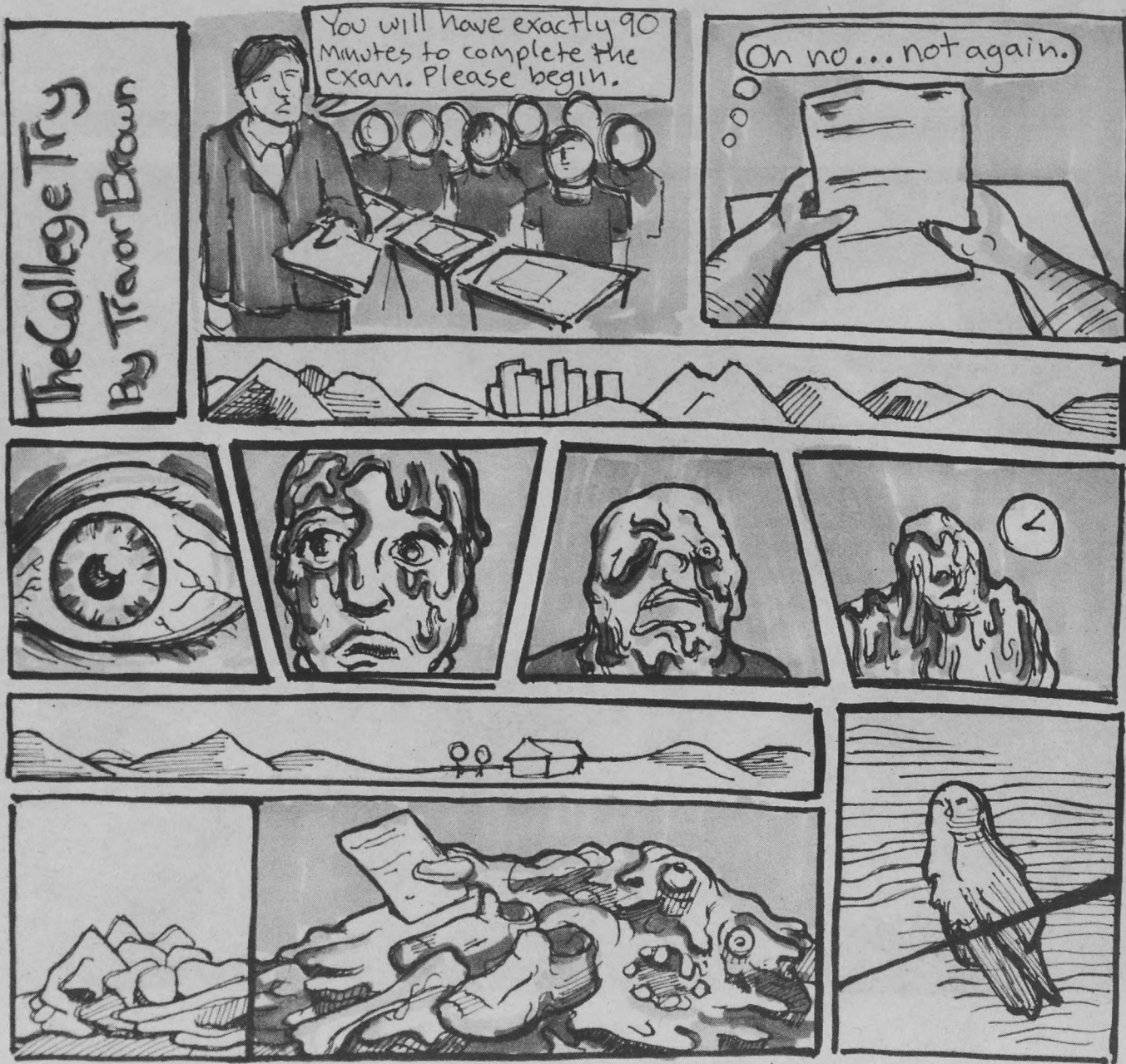
Fewer unions equal drastically less funding for candidates. Multiply this by the large number of newly Republican controlled states which are also preparing similar legislature

and we see a potentially crippling future for incoming Democratic candidates.

While the death of public sector unions may severely weaken the Democrats' fiscal situation in upcoming elections, it will not spell the end of the party as a political power in the future. If anything, this bill will lead to a new era of Democratic Party funding—perhaps to one that relies as heavily on private donors as does the GOP—and with this, a new level of capitalization in government. Within the coming months, there will no doubt be a more definitive answer as to the repercussions of Walker's actions, and until then we will watch with anticipation as the story in Wisconsin unfolds.

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## Jesuits animate the mission

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Students at Seattle University have relatively few Jesuits as teachers. Only seven Jesuits are full-time in the classroom. Another five, who are administrators or on phased retirement, teach part time. Quite a contrast to the 1950s and '60s when perhaps as many as 40 Jesuits were teachers and the student body was half the size it is now.

Jesuits still have a strong impact since they are located in key positions, such as the president, chair of the Fine Arts Department, chaplain for faculty/staff and campus ministry director. And, of course, many students encounter Jesuits through the liturgies and prayer in the Chapel of St. Ignatius.

But in many ways, the Jesuit focus has changed in the last 50 years. Instead of being almost 100 percent devoted to students, Jesuits now assist lay faculty and staff in understanding, embracing and leading the Jesuit mission. In this age of the laity, Jesuits value collaboration in mission so that everyone here becomes devoted to a more articulate, better understanding of the Jesuit mission for the sake of students.

The old era of Jesuits leading every facet of the university has given way to this new time. Now highly qualified lay women and men provide almost the entire academic and administrative leadership of the university.

The great gift that the Society of Jesus brings to this enterprise is the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

At the heart of this spirituality is the desire to share the love of Christ with others.

This desire takes many forms. The most obvious are the Ignatian retreats for students and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) program for faculty and staff. But Ignatian spirituality lies at the root of every dimension of the university mission and certainly all of its six values.

This pervasive orientation towards Jesuit values is easy to understand when you see the Jesuit motto of "finding God in all things." The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins captures it best: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God... There lives the dearest freshness deep down things."

So what's not to love about a

Jesuit university?! It explores everything. It seeks the human dignity of every person. It embraces the world of ideas and spreads in service throughout the world. The inspired injunction of Ignatius (in Latin, of course) *Ite inflammate omnia*, "Go! Set the world on fire" now has a whole new meaning. It applies not just to Jesuits, as it did 400 years ago, but to everyone who experiences a Jesuit education.

So don't pass up the chance to encounter a Jesuit—whether in the classroom, student life, campus ministry or on a retreat. This encounter is still an integral part of your Jesuit education and, who knows, it may light a flame.

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## Marijuana legalization debate lights up

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The effort to legalize marijuana has been seen as a trivial issue that only stoners care about, but recent events have shown that adults are starting to take notice. A bill in the Washington state legislature, a city attorney and The Seattle Times all came out in support of legalizing cannabis this past month. The arguments are simple. It's a drug with overall benign effects, and its prohibition is causing an unnecessary detriment on society. While the clear obstacle to legalization is the drug's standing as being federally illegal, the real battle is a cultural one.

The prohibition on weed (also known as pot if you were born before 1980) is the relic of an outdated social policy steeped in prejudice and misinformation. Initially, states made

it illegal so they could deport Mexican laborers who were competing for jobs during the Great Depression. In the 1930s and 40s, the drug was associated with jazz musicians and black culture, meaning conservative whites were in no rush to embrace logical thinking. During the 1960s and 70s, pot was seen as a mild hallucinogen that young liberal hippies used. Additionally, the government has and continues to support Reefer Madness-style scare tactics that overly demonize the drug, rendering most Americans to be complacent with its prohibition.

The cultural battle is clear and polling reflects it. On the prohibition side, you have conservatives who believe not just that the drug is bad, but that the "wrong kind of people do it" (i.e. minorities, aging hippies and young liberal radicals). Furthermore, conservatives are more likely to believe

in the sanctity of the justice system and in favor of keeping existing laws in place.

On the legalization side are liberals who either used to smoke weed, still smoke or are just aware of the drug's benign effects. Also, liberals are more skeptical of the justice system and believe it can be unfair, illogical and harmful to society.

The fact that older people don't take legalization seriously shouldn't stop the push to change this detrimental policy. When someone asks you what does it matter if marijuana is legal, you tell them 800,000 people were arrested last year on marijuana-related charges (90% for possession) and that's an incredible waste of the judicial system. Students can and have lost financial aid due to a single cannabis conviction. An injustice, given a similar alcohol-related charge would

not produce as serious a result.

Liberals need to court libertarians to support legalization, citing both an argument of states' rights and fiscal benefits. The estimated revenue for the state of Washington is \$300 million and \$1 billion for California. This is good news as states across the country are dealing with budget deficits.

The fact that the movement to legalize marijuana is gaining traction with the mainstream is good, but advocates need to cast off the stigma held by the older generation that this is a trivial issue. The infamous counter-culture phrase "don't trust anyone over 30" sums up the attitude that will end prohibition. However, I would go with "legalize marijuana- for our children and our pocketbooks."

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## THE TEN

10 regrettable  
Facebook statuses

Cops are nice when you get to know them

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Happy birthday, Justin Bieber

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Red means go, green means stop

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We just signed Charles Garcia!

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Is in an open relationship with Rudy the Redhawk.

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My girlfriend is related to me.

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Should I get a divorce?

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Which end do I pee on?

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Just woke up in Arrupe...

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Just kidding, I tested positive.

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### CORRECTIONS



## Harassment

Feb. 25, 3:15 a.m.

A male student reported his ex-girlfriend was drugged while partying off campus. The student was contacted and reported feeling fine and the call was made to harass her.

## Malicious Mischief

Feb. 25, 7:15 a.m.

A community member reported his yard lights missing, and believes the perpetrator to be students retaliating against him for calling the police because of partying.

## Auto Prowl

Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m.

An assistant coach reported the rear window of his vehicle was broken and a video camera had been taken.

## Narcotics

Feb. 25, 2:00 p.m.

Resident assistants in Campion responded to a room with students smoking marijuana.

## Fire Alarm

Feb. 25, 5:00 p.m.

Public Safety and the Seattle Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in the Engineering building, and found a false smoke detector trip. The alarm was reset.

## Suspicious Circumstance

Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety checked the Fine Arts building for a possible theft suspect prowling a video lab. The suspect quickly left campus as Public Safety arrived.

## Medical Assist

Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m.

A male having a strong reaction to coming off of narcotics was transported by the Seattle Fire Department to a local hospital.

## Alcohol & Narcotics

Feb. 25, 11:30 p.m.

Public Safety found alcohol and marijuana when checking a room disturbance in Campion.

## Fire Alarm

Feb. 26, 2:15 a.m.

Public Safety and the Seattle Fire Department responded to a smoke alarm in the Engineering building. No fire or safety concerns were found and the alarm was reset.

## Arrest

Feb. 26, 3:00 p.m.

A student was arrested after running from police during an investigation.



## Dance Marathon

The Fifth Annual Dahce Marathon brought together the Seattle University community for a 16-hour nonstop dance session in the Campion Ballroom. Dubstep and swing music were popular sound selections throughout the event and groups of registered dancers wore color-coordinated garb to distinguish themselves from other dancing groups. The event featured a raffle with priority class registration as the first prize.

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